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# A NUMERICAL FUNCTION IN CONGRUENCE THEORY

In this paper we define a function  $L$  with will allow us to generalize (separately or simultaneously) some theorems from Numbers Theory obtained by Wilson, Fermat, Euler, Gauss, Lagrange, Leibnitz, Moser, Sierpinski.

§1. Let  $A$  be the set  $\{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m = \pm p^\beta, \pm 2p^\beta \text{ with } p \text{ an odd prime, } \beta \in \mathbb{N}^*, \text{ or } m = \pm 2^\alpha \text{ with } \alpha = 0, 1, 2, \text{ or } m = 0\}..$

Let  $m = \varepsilon p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$  be, with  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ , all  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and  $p_1, \dots, p_s$  are distinct positive primes.

We construct the FUNCTION  $L: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$L(x, m) = (x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)})$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  are all residues modulo  $m$  relatively prime to  $m$ , and  $\varphi$  is the Euler's function.

If all distinct primes which divide  $x$  and  $m$  simultaneously are  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_t}$  then:

$L(x, m) \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p_{i_1}^{\alpha_{i_1}} \dots p_{i_t}^{\alpha_{i_t}}}$  when  $m \in A$  respective by  $m \notin A$ , and

$$L(x, m) \equiv 0 \pmod{m / (p_{i_1}^{\alpha_{i_1}} \dots p_{i_t}^{\alpha_{i_t}})}$$

Noting  $d = p_{i_1}^{\alpha_{i_1}} \dots p_{i_t}^{\alpha_{i_t}}$  and  $m' = m / d$  we find

$$L(x, m) \equiv \pm 1 + k_1^0 d \equiv k_2^0 m' \pmod{m}$$

where  $k_1^0, k_2^0$  constitute a particular integer solution of the diophantic equation  $k_2 m' - k_1 d = \pm 1$  (the sings are chosen in accordance with the affiliation of  $m$  to  $A$ ). This result

generalizes the Gauss's theorem ( $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{m}$ ) when  $m \in A$  respectively  $m \notin A$  (see [1]) which generalized in its turn the Wilson's theorem (if  $p$  is prime then  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{m}$ ).

Proof.

The following two lemmas are trivial:

**Lemma 1.** If  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(p^\alpha)}$  are all residues modulo  $p^\alpha$  relatively prime to  $p^\alpha$ , with  $p$  an integer and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we have also that  $kp^\beta + c_1, \dots, kp^\beta + c_{\varphi(p^\alpha)}$  constitute all residues modulo  $p^\alpha$  relatively prime to it is sufficiently to prove that for  $1 \leq i \leq \varphi(p^\alpha)$  we have  $kp^\beta + c_i$  relatively prime to  $p^\alpha$ , but this is obviously.

**Lemma 2.** If  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  are all residues modulo  $m$  relatively prime to  $m$ ,  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$  divides  $m$  and  $p_i^{\alpha_i+1}$  does not divide  $m$ , then  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  constitute  $\varphi(m/p_i^{\alpha_i})$  systems of all residues modulo  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$  relatively prime to  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$ .

**Lemma 3.** If  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(q)}$  are all residues modulo  $q$  relatively prime to  $q$  and  $(b, q) \sim 1$  then  $b + c_1, \dots, b + c_{\varphi(q)}$  contain a representative of the class  $\hat{0}$  modulo  $q$ .

Of course, because  $(b, q - b) \sim 1$  there will be a  $c_{i_0} = q - b$  whence  $b + c_i = \mathcal{M}_q$ .

From this we have the

**Theorem 1.** If  $\left(x, m / \left(p_{i_1}^{\alpha_{i_1}} \dots p_{i_s}^{\alpha_{i_s}}\right)\right) \sim 1$  then

$$(x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)}) \equiv 0 \pmod{m / \left(p_{i_1}^{\alpha_{i_1}} \dots p_{i_r}^{\alpha_{i_r}}\right)}$$

**Lemma 4.** Because  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{m}$  it results that  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p_i^{\alpha_i}}$ , for all  $i$ , when  $m \in A$  respectively  $m \notin A$ .

**Lemma 5.** If  $p_i$  divides  $x$  and  $m$  simultaneously then  $(x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)}) \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p_i^{\alpha_i}}$ , when  $m \in A$  respectively  $m \notin A$ . Of course, from the lemmas 2 and 1, respectively 4 we have  $(x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)}) \equiv c_1 \dots c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p_i^{\alpha_i}}$ .

From the lemma 5 we obtain the

**Theorem 2.** If  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_r}$  are all primes which divide  $x$  and  $m$  simultaneously then  $(x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)}) \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p_{i_1}^{\alpha_{i_1}} \dots p_{i_r}^{\alpha_{i_r}}}$ , when  $m \in A$  respectively  $m \notin A$ .

From the theorems 1 and 2 it results  $L(x, m) = \pm 1 + k_1 d = k_2 m'$ , where  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Because  $(d, m') \sim 1$  the diophantia equation  $k_2 m' - k_1 d = \pm 1$  admits integer solutions (the unknowns being  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ ). Hence  $k_1 = m' t + k_1^0$  and  $k_2 = d t + k_2^0$ , with  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $k_1^0, k_2^0$  constitute a particular integer solution of our equation. Thus:

$$L(x, m) = \pm 1 + m' d t + k_1^0 d \equiv \pm 1 + k_1^0 \pmod{m}$$

or

$$L(x, m) \equiv k_2^0 m' \pmod{m}$$

## §2. APPLICATIONS

1) Lagrange extended Wilson in the following way: "if  $p$  is prime then  $x^{p-1} - 1 \equiv (x+1)(x+2) \dots (x+p-1) \pmod{p}$ "; we shall extend this result to so:

whichever were  $m \neq 0, \pm 4$  we have for  $x^2 + s^2 \neq 0$  that

$$x^{\varphi(m_s)+s} - x^s \equiv (x+1)(x+2) \dots (x+|m|-1) \pmod{m}$$



where  $m_s$  and  $s$  are obtained from the algorithm:

$$(0) \quad \begin{cases} x = x_0 d_0 & ; (x_0, m_0) \sim 1 \\ m = m_0 d_0 & ; d_0 \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} d_0 = d_0^1 d_1 & ; (d_0^1, m_1) \sim 1 \\ m_0 = m_1 d_1 & ; d_1 \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$(s-1) \quad \begin{cases} d_{s-2} = d_{s-2}^1 d_{s-1} & ; (d_{s-2}^1, m_{s-1}) \sim 1 \\ m_{s-2} = m_{s-1} d_{s-1} & ; d_{s-1} \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(s) \quad \begin{cases} d_{s-1} = d_{s-1}^1 d_s & ; (d_{s-1}^1, m_s) \sim 1 \\ m_{s-1} = m_s d_s & ; d_s = 1 \end{cases}$$

(see [3] or [4]). For  $m$  positive prime we have  $m_s = m$ ,  $s=0$  and  $\varphi(m) = m - 1$ , that is Lagrange.

2) L. Moser enunciated the following theorem: if  $p$  is prime then  $(p-1)!a^p + a = \mathcal{M}p''$ , and Sierpinski (see [2], p.57): "if  $p$  is prime then  $a^p + (p-1)!a = \mathcal{M}p''$ " which merge the Wilson's and Fermat's theorems in a single one.

The function  $L$  and the algorithm from §2 will help us to generalize then too, so:

if "a" and  $m$  are integers,  $m \neq 0$ , and  $c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  are all residues modulo  $m$  relatively prime to  $m$  then

$$c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} a^{\varphi(m_s)+s} - L(o, m) a^s = \mathcal{M}m$$

respectively

$$-L(o, m) a^{\varphi(m_s)+s} + c_1, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} a^s = \mathcal{M}m$$

or more:

$$(x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)}) a^{\varphi(m_s)+s} - L(x, m) a^s = \mathcal{M}m$$

respectively

$$-L(x, m) a^{\varphi(m_s)+s} + (x + c_1) \dots (x + c_{\varphi(m)}) a^s = \mathcal{M}m$$

which reunite Fermat, Euler, Whilson, Lagrange and Moser (respectively Sierpinski).

3) A partial spreading of Moser's and Sierpinski's results the author also obtained (see [6], probelm 7.140, p.173-174), so: if  $m$  is a positive integer,  $m \neq 0, 4$ , and " $a$ " is an integer, then  $(a^m - a)(m-1)! = \mathcal{M}m$ , reuniting Fermat and Wilson in other way.

4) Leibniz enuciated that: "if  $p$  is prime then  $(p-2)! \equiv 1(\text{mod } p)''''$ ;

we consider " $c_i < c_{i+1}(\text{mod } m)$ " if  $c'_i < c'_{i+1}$  where  $0 \leq c'_i < |m|, 0 \leq c'_{i+1} < |m|$  and  $c_i \equiv c'_i(\text{mod } m), c_{i+1} \equiv c'_{i+1}(\text{mod } m)$

it sees simply that if  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  are all residues modulo  $m$  relatively prime to  $m$  ( $c_i < c_{i+1}(\text{mod } m)$ ) for all  $i, m \neq 0$ ) then  $c_1 c_2 \dots c_{\varphi(m)-1} \equiv \pm 1(\text{mod } m)$  if  $m \in A$  respectively  $m \notin A$ , because  $c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv -1(\text{mod } m)$

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# A GENERAL THEOREM FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF $N$ PRIME NUMBERS SIMULTANEOUSLY

**§1. ABSTRACT.** This article presents a necessary and sufficient theorem as  $N$  numbers, coprime two by two, to be prime simultaneously.

It generalizes V. Popa's theorem [3], as well as I. Cucurezeanu's theorem ([1], p.165), Clement's theorem, S. Patrizio's theorems [2] etc.

Particularly, this General Theorem offers different characterizations for twin primes, for quadruple primes etc.

**§2. INTRODUCTION.** It is evidently the following:

**Lemma 1.** Let  $A, B$  be nonzero integers. Then:

$$AB \equiv 0 \pmod{pB} \Leftrightarrow A \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow A/p \text{ is an integer.}$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $(p, q) \sim 1, (a, p) \sim 1, (b, q) \sim 1$ .

Then:

$$A \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{and} \quad B \equiv 0 \pmod{q} \Leftrightarrow aAq + bBp \equiv 0 \pmod{pq} \Leftrightarrow aA + bBp/q \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad aA/p + bB/q \text{ is an integer.}$$

Proof:

The first equivalence:

We have  $A = K_1p$  and  $B = K_2q$  with  $K_1, K_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  hence  
 $aAq + bBp = (aK_1 + bK_2)pq$ .

Reciprocal:  $aAq + bBp = Kpq$ , with  $K \in \mathbb{Z}$  it results that  
 $aAq \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $bBp \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ , but from our assumption we find  $A \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$

The second and third equivalence results from lemma 1.

By induction we extend this lemma to

**Lemma 3.** Let  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  be coprime integers two by two, and let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be integer numbers such that  $(a_i, p_i) \sim 1$  for all  $i$ . Then:

$$A_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p_1}, \dots, A_n \equiv 0 \pmod{p_n} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A_i \prod_{j \neq i} p_j \equiv 0 \pmod{p_1 \dots p_n} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P/D) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i A_i / p_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{P/D},$$

where  $P = p_1 \dots p_n$  and  $D$  is a divisor of  $p \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A_i / p_i$  is an integer.

§3. From this last lemma we can find immediately a **GENERAL THEOREM:**

Let  $P_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ , be coprime integers two by two, and let  $r_1, \dots, r_n$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be integer numbers such that  $a_i$  be coprime with  $r_i$  for all  $i$ .

The following conditions are considered:

- (i)  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_{m_i}}$ , are simultaneously prime if and only if  $c_i \equiv 0 \pmod{r_i}$ , for all  $i$ .

Then:

The numbers  $p_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m_i$ , are simultaneously prime if and only if

$$(*) \quad (R/D) \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i c_i / r_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{R/D},$$

where  $P = \prod_{i=1}^n r_i$  and  $D$  is a divisor of  $R$ .

**Remark**

Often in the conditions (i) the module  $r_i$  is equal to  $\prod_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij}$ ,

or to a divisor of it, and in this case the relation of the General Theorem becomes:

$$(P / D) \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i c_i / \prod_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij}) \equiv 0 \pmod{P / D}$$

where

$$P = \prod_{i,j=1}^{n, m_i} p_{ij} \text{ and } D \text{ is a divisor of } P.$$

### Corollaries

We easily obtain that our last relation is equivalent with:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_i (P / \prod_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij}) \equiv 0 \pmod{P},$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i c_i / \prod_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij}) \text{ is an integer,}$$

etc.

The imposed restrictions for the numbers  $p_{ij}$  form the General Theorem are very wide, because if there would be two uncoprime distinct numbers, then at least one from these would not be prime, hence the  $m_1 + \dots + m_n$  numbers might not be prime.

The General Theorem has many variants in accordance with the assigned values for the parameters  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , and  $r_1, \dots, r_m$ , the parameter  $D$ , as well as in accordance with the congruences  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  which characterize either a prime number or many other prime numbers simultaneously. We can start from the theorems (condition  $c_i$ ) which characterize a single prime number (see Wilson, Leibnitz, F. Smarandache [4], or Siminov ( $p$  is prime if and only if  $(p - k)! (k - 1)! - (-1)^k \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ),



when  $p \geq k \geq 1$ ; here, it is preferable to take  $k = [(p+1)/2]$ , where  $[x]$  represents the greatest integer number  $\leq x$ , in order that the number  $(p-k)!(k-1)!$  be the smallest possibly) for obtaining, by means of the General Theorem, conditions  $c'_j$ , which characterize many prime numbers simultaneously. Afterwards, from the conditions  $c_i, c'_j$ , using the General Theorem again, we find new conditions  $c''_h$  which characterize prime numbers simultaneously. And this method can be continued analogically.

### Remarks

Let  $m_i = 1$  and  $c_i$  represent the Simionov's theorem for all  $i$

(a) If  $D = 1$  it results in V. Popa's theorem, which generalizes in the Cucurezeanu's theorem and the last one generalizes in its turn Clement' theorem!

(b) If  $D = P/p_2$  and choosing conveniently the parameters  $a_i, k_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , it results in S. Patrizio's theorem.

### Several EXAMPLES:

1. Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be positive integers  $>1$ , coprime integers two by two, and  $1 \leq k_i \leq p_i$  for all  $i$ . Then:

$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are simultaneously prime if and only if: (T)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (p_i - k_i)!(k_i - 1)! - (-1)^{k_i} \right] \cdot \prod_{j \neq i} p_j \equiv 0 \pmod{p_1 p_2 \dots p_n}$$

or

$$(U) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (p_i - k_i)!(k_i - 1)! - (-1)^{k_i} \right] \cdot \prod_{j \neq i} p_j / (p_{s+1} \dots p_n) \equiv \right.$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{p_1 \dots p_s}$$

or

$$(V) \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (p_i - k_i)! (k_i - 1)! - (-1)^{k_i} \right] \cdot p_j / p_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p_j}$$

or

$$(W) \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (p_i - k_i)! (k_i - 1)! - (-1)^{k_i} \right] \cdot / p_i \text{ is an integer.}$$

2. Another relation example (using the first theorem form [4]:  $p$  is a prime positive integer if and only if  $(p-3)! - (p-1)/2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ )

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (p_i - 3)! - (p_i - 1)/2 \right] \cdot p_1 / p_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p_1}$$

3. The odd numbers ... and ... are twin prime if and only if:  
 $(p-1)!(3p+2) + 2p+2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p(p+2)}$

or

$$(p-1)!(p-2) - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p(p+2)}$$

or

$$[(p-1)!+1]/p + [(p-1)!2+1]/(p+2) \text{ is an integer.}$$

These twin prime characterizations differ from Clement's theorem  $((p-1)!4 + p + 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{p(p+2)})$

4. Let  $(p, p+k) \sim 1$  then:  $p$  and  $p+k$  are prime simultaneously if and only if  $(p-1)!(p+k) + (p+k-1)!p + 2p+k \equiv 0 \pmod{p(p+k)}$ , which differs from I. Cucurezeanu's theorem ([1], p.165):

$$k.k![(p-1)!+1] + [K! - (-1)^k]p \equiv 0 \pmod{p(p+k)}$$

5. Look at a characterization of a quadruple of primes for  $p, p+2, p+6, p+8$ :

$[(p-1)!+1]/p + [(p-1)!2!+1]/(p+2) +$   
 $+[(p-1)!6!+1]/(p+6) + [(p-1)!8!+1]/(p+8)$  be an integer.

6. For  $p-2, p, p+4$  coprime integers two by two, we find the relation:  $(p-1)! + p[(p-3)!+1]/(p-2) +$   
 $+p[(p+3)!+1]/(p+4) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , which differ from S. Patrizio's theorem

$$(8[(p+3)!/(p+4)] + 4[(p-3)!/(p-2)]) \equiv -11 \pmod{p}$$

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# A METHOD TO SOLVE THE DIOPHANTINE EQUATION $ax^2 - by^2 + c = 0$

## ABSTRACT

We consider the equation

$$(1) \quad ax^2 - by^2 + c = 0, \text{ with } a, b \in \mathbb{N}^* \text{ and } c \in \mathbb{Z}^*$$

It is a generalization of Pell's equation:  $x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$ . Here, we show that: if the equation has an integer solution and  $a \cdot b$  isn't a perfect square, then (1) has an infinitude of integer solutions; in this case we find a closed expression for  $(x_n, y_n)$ , the general positive integer solution, by an original method. More, we generalize it for any diophantine equation of second degree and with two unknowns.

## INTRODUCTION

If  $ab = k^2$  is a perfect square ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) the equation (1) has at most a finite number of integer solutions, because (1) become: (2)  $(ax - ky)(ax + ky) = -ac$

If  $(a, b)$  dose not divide  $c$ , the diophantine equation hasn't solutions.

**METHOD TO SOLVE.** Suppose (1) has many integer solutions.

Let  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$  be the smallest positive integersolutions for (1), with  $0 \leq x_0 < x_1$  We construct the recurrent sequences:

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n + \beta y_n \\ y_{n+1} = \gamma x_n + \delta y_n \end{cases}$$

puting the condition (3) verify (1). It results:

$$\begin{cases} a\alpha\beta = b\gamma\delta & (4) \\ a\alpha^2 - b\gamma^2 = a & (5) \\ a\beta^2 - b\delta^2 = -b & (6) \end{cases}$$

having the unknowns  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$

We pull out  $a\alpha^2$  and  $a\beta^2$  from (5), respectively (6), and replace them in (4) at the square; it obtains

$$a\delta^2 - b\gamma^2 = a \quad (7)$$

We subtract (7) from (5) and find  $\alpha = \pm\delta$  (8).

Replacing (8) in (4) it obtains  $\beta = \pm\frac{b}{a}\gamma$  (9).

Afterwards, replacing (8) in (5), and (9) in (6) it finds the same equation:  $a\alpha^2 - b\gamma^2 = a$  (10).

Because we work with positive solutions only, we take

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \alpha_o x_n + \frac{b}{a} \gamma_o y_n; \\ y_{n+1} = \gamma_o x_n + \alpha_o y_n \end{cases}$$

where  $(\alpha_o, \gamma_o)$  is the smallest, positive integer solution of (10)

such that  $\alpha_o \gamma_o \neq 0$  Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_o & \frac{b}{a} \gamma_o \\ \gamma_o & \alpha_o \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

Of course, if  $(x', y')$  is an integer solution for (1), then  $A \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}, A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}$  are another ones – where  $A^{-1}$  is the inverse matrix of  $A$ , i.e.  $A^{-1} \cdot A = A \cdot A^{-1} = I$  (unit matrix). Hence, if (1) has an integer solution it has an infinite ones. (Clearly  $A^{-1} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ )

The general positive integer solution of the equation (1) is

$$(x'_n, y'_n) = (|x_n|, |y_n|)$$

(GS<sub>1</sub>) with  $\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = A^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \end{pmatrix}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

where by convention  $A^0 = I$  and  $A^{-k} = A^{-1} \dots A^{-1}$  of  $k$  times.

In problems it is better to write (GS) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_n \\ y'_n \end{pmatrix} = A^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$(GS_2) \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} x''_n \\ y''_n \end{pmatrix} = A^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

We proof, by reductio and absurdum, (GS<sub>2</sub>) is a general positive integer solution for (1).

Let  $(u, v)$  be a positive integer particular solution for (1). If

$$\exists k_o \in \mathbb{N} : (u, v) = A^{k_o} \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } \exists k_1 \in \mathbb{N}^* : (u, v) = A^{k_1} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$(u, v) \in (GS_2)$ . Contrary to this, we calculate

$$(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}) = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ where } u_o = u, v_o = v$$

Clearly  $u_{i+1} < u_i$  for all or  $i$ . After a certain rank  $x_o < u_{i_o} < x_1$  it finds either  $0 < u_{i_o} < x_o$ , but that is absurd.

It is clear we can put

$$(GS_3) \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = A^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ \varepsilon y_o \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ where } \varepsilon = \pm 1$$

We shall now transform the general solution (GS<sub>3</sub>) in a closed expression.

Let  $\lambda$  be a real number.  $\text{Det}(A - \lambda \cdot I) = 0$  involves the solutions  $\lambda_{1,2}$  and the proper vectors  $V_{1,2}$  (i.e.,  $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$ ,

$$i \in \{1, 2\}). \text{ Note } P = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}^t \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

Then  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , whence  $A^n = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$ , and replacing it in (GS<sub>3</sub>) and doing the calculus we find a closed expression for (GS<sub>3</sub>).

### EXAMPLES

1. For the diophantine equation  $2x^2 - 3y^2 = 5$  at obtains

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and  $\lambda_{1,2} = 5 \pm 2\sqrt{6}$ ,  $v_{1,2} = (\sqrt{6}, \pm 2)$ , whence a closed expression for  $x_n$  and  $y_n$ :

$$\begin{cases} x_n = \frac{4 + \varepsilon\sqrt{6}}{4}(5 + 2\sqrt{6})^n + \frac{4 - \varepsilon\sqrt{6}}{4}(5 - 2\sqrt{6})^n \\ y_n = \frac{3\varepsilon + 2\sqrt{6}}{6}(5 + 2\sqrt{6})^n + \frac{3\varepsilon - 2\sqrt{6}}{6}(5 - 2\sqrt{6})^n \end{cases}, \text{ for}$$

all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

2. For equation  $x^2 - 3y^2 - 4 = 0$  the general solution in positive integer is:

$$\begin{cases} x_n = (2 + \sqrt{3})^n + (2 - \sqrt{3})^n \\ y_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[(2 + \sqrt{3})^n - (2 - \sqrt{3})^n] \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , that is  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(4, 2)$ ,  $(14, 8)$ ,  $(52, 30)$ ,...

EXERCICES FOR READER. Solve the diophantine equations:

3.  $x^2 - 12y^2 + 3 = 0$

[Remark:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 24 \\ 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} = ?, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ]

4.  $x^2 - 6y^2 - 10 = 0$ .



[ Remark:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 12 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} = ?, n \in \mathbb{N} ]$

$$5. x^2 - 12y^2 - 9 = 0$$

[ Remark:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 24 \\ 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = ?, n \in \mathbb{N} ]$

$$6. 14x^2 - 3y^2 - 18 = 0$$

### GENERALIZATIONS

If  $f(x, y) = 0$  is a diophantine equation of second degree and with two unknowns, by linear transformations it becomes

$$(12) ax^2 + by^2 + c = 0, \text{ with } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

If  $ab \geq 0$  the equation has at most a finite number of integer solutions which can be found by attempts.

It is easier to present an example:

7. The diophantine equation

$$(13) 9x^2 + 6xy - 13y^2 - 6x - 16y + 20 = 0$$

can becomes

$$(14) 2u^2 - 7v^2 + 45 = 0, \text{ where}$$

$$(15) u = 3x + y - 1 \text{ and } v = 2y + 1$$

We solve (14). Thus:

$$(16) \begin{cases} u_{n+1} = 15u_n + 28v_n \\ v_{n+1} = 8u_n + 15v_n \end{cases}, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } (u_0, v_0) = (3, 3\varepsilon)$$

First solution:

By induction we proof that: for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $v_n$  is odd, and  $u_n$  as well as  $v_n$  are multiple of 3. Clearly  $v_0 = 3\varepsilon$ ,  $u_0$ . For  $n + 1$  we have:  $v_{n+1} = 8u_n + 15v_n = \text{even} + \text{odd} = \text{odd}$ , and of course  $u_{n+1}$ ,  $v_{n+1}$  are multiples of 3 because  $u_n$ ,  $v_n$  are multiple of 3, too.

Hence, there exist  $x_n$ ,  $y_n$  in positive integers for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$(17) \begin{cases} x_n = (2u_n - v_n + 3) / 6 \\ y_n = (v_n - 1) / 2 \end{cases}$$

(from (15)). Now we find the (GS<sub>3</sub>) for (14) as closed expression, and by means of (17) it results the general integer solution of the equation (13).

### Second solution

Another expression of the (GS<sub>3</sub>) for (13) we obtain if we transform (15) as:  $u_n = 3x_n + y_n - 1$  and  $v_n = 2y_n + 1$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Whence, using (16) and doing the calculus, it finds

$$(18) \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = 11x_n + \frac{52}{3}y_n + \frac{11}{3} \\ y_{n+1} = 12x_n + 19y_n + 3 \end{cases}, n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ with } (x_0, y_0) =$$

(1,1) or (2, -2) (two infinitude of integer solutions).

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 52/3 & 11/3 \\ 12 & 19 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Then } \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A^n \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ always } n \in \mathbb{N}; \quad (19).$$

From (18) we have always  $y_{n+1} \equiv y_n \equiv \dots \equiv y_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , hence always  $x_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Of course, (19) and (17) are equivalent as general integer solution for (13).

[The reader can calculate  $A^n$  (by the same method liable to the start on this note) and find a closed expression for (19).]

### More generally:

This method would can be generalized for the diophantine equations

$$(20) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i^2 = b, \text{ will all } a_i, b, \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}$$

If always  $a_i a_j \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , the equation (20) has at most a finite number of integer solution.

Now, we suppose  $\exists i_0, j_0 \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  for which  $a_{i_0} a_{j_0} < 0$  (the equation presents at least a variation of sign). Analogously, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define the recurrent sequences:

$$(21) \quad x_h^{(n+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ih} x_i^{(n)}, \quad 1 \leq h \leq n$$

considering  $(x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0)$  the smallest positive integer solution of (20). It replaces (21) in (20), it identifies the coefficients and it look for the  $n^2$  unknowns  $\alpha_{ih}$ ,  $1 \leq i, h \leq n$ . (This calculus is very intricate, but it can be done by means of a computer.) The method goes on similarly, but the calculus becomes more and more intricate - for example to calculate  $A^n$ . It must a computer, may be.

(The reader will be able to try his force for the diophantine equation  $ax^2 + by^2 - cz^2 + d = 0$ , with  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

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## SOME STATIONARY SEQUENCES

§ 1. Define a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  by  $a_1 = a$  and  $a_{n+1} = P(a_n)$ , where  $P$  is a polynomial with real coefficients. For which  $a$  values and for which  $P$  polynomials will this sequence be constant after a certain rank?

In this note, the author answers for this question referring to F.Lazebnik & Y.Pilipenko's E 3036 problem from A.M.M., vol.9LNo.2/1984,p.140.

An interesting property of functions admitting fixed points is obtained.

§ 2. Because  $\{a_n\}$  is constant after a certain rank, it results that  $\{a_n\}$  converges. Hence.  $(\exists)e \in \mathbb{R}: e = P(e)$  that is the equation  $P(x) - x = 0$  admits real solutions. Or  $P$  admits fixed points  $((\exists)x \in \mathbb{R}: P(x) = x)$ .

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  be all real solutions of this equation.

It constructs the recurrent set  $E$ , so:

- 1)  $e_1, \dots, e_m \in E$ ;
- 2) if  $b \in E$  then all real solutions of the equation  $P(x) = b$  belong to  $E$ ;
- 3) no other element belongs to  $E$ , then the obtained elements from the rules 1) or 2), applying for a finite number of times these rules.

We prove that this  $E$  set, and the  $A$  set of the "a" values for which  $\{a_n\}$  becomes constant after a certain rank are indistinct.

" $E \subseteq A$ "

- 1) If  $a = e_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$  then  $(\forall)n \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad a_n = e_i = \text{constant}$ .
- 2) If for  $a = b$  the sequence  $a_1 = b, a_2 = P(b)$  becomes constant after a certain rank, let  $x_0$  be a real solution of the equation

$P(x) - b = 0$ , the new formed sequence:  $a'_1 = x_o$ ,  $a'_2 = P(x_o) = b$ ,  $a'_3 = P(b) \dots$  is indistinct after a certain rank with the first one, hence it becomes constant too, having the some limit.

3) **Begining from a certain rank**, all these sequences converge towards the some limit  $e$  (that is: they have the some  $e$  value from a certain rank) are indistinct, equal to  $e$ .

" $A \leq E$ "

Let " $a$ " be a value such that:  $\{a_n\}$  becomes constant (after a certain rank) equal to  $e$ . Of course  $e \in \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  because  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  are the single values towards these sequences can tend.

If a  $a \in \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ , then  $a \in E$

Let  $a \notin \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  be. Then  $(\exists) n_o \in \mathbb{N}: a_{n_o+1} = P(a_{n_o}) = e$  hence we obtain a applying the rules 1) or 2) a finite number of times, so: because  $e \in \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  and the equation  $P(x) = e$  admits real solutions we find  $a_{n_o}$  among the real solutions of this equation: knowing  $a_{n_o}$  we find  $a_{n_o-1}$  because the equation  $P(a_{n_o-1}) = a_{n_o}$  admits real solutions (because  $a_{n_o} \in E$  and our method goes on until we find  $a_1 = a$  Hence  $a \in E$ .

**Remark.** For  $P(x) = x^2 - 2$  we obtain the E 3o36 Problem (A.M.M.).

Here, the  $E$  set becomes equal to

$$\{\pm 1, 0, \pm 2\} \cup \left\{ \pm \sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{\dots \pm 2}}} \right\}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

$n^o$  times

$$\cup \left\{ \pm \sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{\dots \sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{3}}}} \right\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$n^o$  times

Hence, for all  $a \in E$  the sequence  $a_1 = a$ ,  $a_{n+1} = a_n^2 - 2$  becomes constant after a certain rank, and it converges (of course) towards  $-1$  or  $2$ :

$$(\exists)n_o \in \mathbb{N}^* : (\forall)n \geq n_o \quad a_n = -1$$

or

$$(\exists)n_o \in \mathbb{N}^* : (\forall)n \geq n_o \quad a_n = 2$$

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# ON CARMICHAËL'S CONJECTURE

Carmichaël's conjecture is the following: "the equation  $\varphi(x) = n$  can not have an unique solution,  $(\forall)n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $\varphi$  is the Euler's function". R.K.Guy exposed in [1] some results on it: Carmichaël himself proved that, if  $n_o$  does not verify his conjecture, then  $n_o > 10^{37}$ ; V.L. Klee [2] improved to  $n_o > 10^{400}$ , and P.Masai & A. Valette increased to  $10^{10000}$ . C.Pomerance [4] wrought on it, too.

In this paper we prove the equation  $\varphi(x) = n$  admits a finite number of solutions, we find the general form of these solutions, also we prove that, if  $x_o$  is the unique solution of this equation (for a  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then  $x_o$  is a multiple of  $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 43^2$  (and  $x_o > 10^{10000}$  from [3]).

§ 1. Let  $x_o$  be a solution of the equation  $\varphi(x) = n$ . It considers  $n$  fixed. We try to construct another solution  $y_o \neq x_o$ . The first method:

We decompose  $x_o = a \cdot b$  with  $a, b$  integers such that  $(a, b) \sim 1$ ; it seeks an  $a' \neq a$  such that  $\varphi(a') = \varphi(a)$  and  $(a', b) \sim 1$ ; it results  $y_o = a' \cdot b$

The second method:

let's  $x_o = q_1^{\beta_1} \dots q_r^{\beta_r}$ , where all  $\beta_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and  $q_1, \dots, q_r$  are distinct primes two by twos;

we seek an integer  $q$  such that  $(q, x_o) \sim 1$  and  $\varphi(q)$  divides  $x_o / (q_1 \dots q_r)$ ; then  $y_o = x_o q / \varphi(q)$ .

We see immediately that we can take  $q$  as prime.

The author conjectures that for any integer  $x_o \geq 2$  it is

possible to find by means of one of these methods  $y_o \neq x_o$  such that  $\varphi(y_o) = \varphi(x_o)$

**Lemma 1.** The equation  $\varphi(x) = n$  admits a finite number of solution,  $(\forall)n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof. The cases  $n = 0, 1$  are trivial.

Let  $n$  be fixed,  $n \geq 2$ . Let's  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_s \leq n+1$  the sequence of prime numbers. If  $x_o$  is solution of our (1) equation then  $x_o$  has the form  $x_o = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ , with all  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Each  $\alpha_i$  is limited, because

$$(\forall)i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}, (\exists)a_i \in \mathbb{N}: p_i^{a_i} \geq n$$

Whence  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq a_i + 1$ , for all  $i$ . Thus, we find a wide

limitation for the number of solution:  $\prod_{i=1}^s (a_i + 2)$

**Lemma 2.** Any solution of this equation has the form (1)

and (2) 
$$x_o = n \cdot \left( \frac{p_1}{p_1 - 1} \right)^{\varepsilon_1} \dots \left( \frac{p_s}{p_s - 1} \right)^{\varepsilon_s} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

where, for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , we have  $\varepsilon_i = 0$  if  $\alpha_i = 0$ , or  $\varepsilon_i = 1$  if  $\alpha_i \neq 0$ .

Of course,  $n = \varphi(x_o) = x_o \left( \frac{p_1}{p_1 - 1} \right)^{\varepsilon_1} \dots \left( \frac{p_s}{p_s - 1} \right)^{\varepsilon_s}$  whence

it results the second form of  $x_o$ .

From (2) we find another limitation for the number of the solutions:  $2^s - 1$  because each  $\varepsilon_i$  has two values only, and at least one is not equal to zero.

§ 2. We suppose  $x_o$  is the unique solution of this equation.

**Lemma 3.**  $x_o$  is a multiple of  $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 43^2$ .

Proof. We apply our second method.

Because  $\varphi(0) = \varphi(3)$  and  $\varphi(1) = \varphi(2)$  we take  $x_0 \geq 4$ .

If  $2 \nmid x_0$  then is  $y_0 = 2x_0 \neq x_0$  such that  $\varphi(y_0) = \varphi(x_0)$ , hence  $2 \mid x_0$ ; if  $4 \nmid x_0$  then we can take  $y_0 = x_0 / 2$ .

If  $3 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 3x_0 / 2$ , hence  $3 \mid x_0$ ; if  $9 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 2x_0 / 3$ , hence  $9 \mid x_0$ ; whence  $\dots 4 \cdot 9 \mid x_0$ .

If  $7 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 7x_0 / 6$ , hence  $7 \mid x_0$ ; if  $49 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 6x_0 / 7$ , hence  $49 \mid x_0$ ; whence  $4 \cdot 9 \cdot 49 \mid x_0$ .

If  $43 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 43x_0 / 42$ , hence  $43 \mid x_0$ ; if  $43^2 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 42x_0 / 43$ , hence  $43^2 \mid x_0$ ; whence  $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 43^2 \mid x_0$ .

Thus  $x_0 = 2^{\gamma_1} \cdot 3^{\gamma_2} \cdot 7^{\gamma_3} \cdot 43^{\gamma_4} \cdot t$ , with all  $\gamma_i \geq 2$  and  $(t, 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43) = 1$  and  $x_0 > 10^{10000}$  because  $n_0 > 10^{10000}$ .

§ 3. Let  $\gamma_i \geq 3$  be. If  $5 \nmid x_0$  then  $5x_0 / 4 = y_0$ , hence  $5 \mid x_0$ ; if  $25 \nmid x_0$  then  $y_0 = 4x_0 / 5$ , whence  $25 \mid x_0$ .

We construct the recurrent set  $M$  of prime numbers:

a) the elements  $2, 3, 5 \in M$ ;

b) if the distinct odd elements  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in M$  and  $b_m = 1 + 2^m \cdot e_1 \cdot \dots \cdot e_n$  is prime, with  $m = 1$  or  $m = 2$ , then  $b_m \in M$ ;

c) any element belonging to  $M$  is obtained by the utilisation (a finite number of times) of the rules a) or b) only.

The author conjectures that  $M$  is infinite what solves this case, because it results there is an infinite of primes which divide  $X_0$ . That is absurd.

For example 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 23, 29, 31, 43, 47, 53, 61, ... belong to  $M$ .

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The method from § 3 would can to be continued as a tree (for  $\gamma_2 \geq 3$  afterwards  $\gamma_3 \geq 3$  etc.), but its ramifications are very much...

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## A PROPERTY FOR A COUNTEREXAMPLE TO CARMICHAËL'S CONJECTURE

Carmichael has conjectured that:

$(\forall)n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(\exists)m \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $m \neq n$ , for which  $\varphi(n) = \varphi(m)$ ,  
where  $\varphi$  is Euler's totient function.

There are many papers on it, but the author cites the on by papers which have influenced him, specially Klee's ones.

Let  $n$  be a counterexample to Carmichael's conjecture.

Grosswald has proved  $n$  is a multiple of 32, Donnelly has pushed the result to a multiple of  $2^{14}$ , and Klee to a multiple of  $2^{42} \cdot 3^{47}$ , Smarandache has shown  $n$  is a multiple of  $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 43^2$ . Masai & Valette have bounded  $n > 10^{10000}$ .

In this note we shall extend these results to:  $n$  is a multiple of a product of a very large number of primes.

We construct a recurrent set  $M$  so that:

- a) the elements  $2, 3 \in M$ ;
- b) if the distinct elements  $2, 3, q_1, \dots, q_r \in M$  and  
 $p = 1 + 2^a \cdot 3^b \cdot q_1 \dots q_r$  is a prime, where  $a \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 41\}$   
and  $b \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 46\}$ , then  $p \in M$ ;  $r \geq 0$ ;
- c) any element belonging to  $M$  is obtained only by the utilization (a finite number of times) of the rules a) or b).

Of course, all elements from  $M$  are primes.

Let  $n$  be a multiple of  $2^{42} \cdot 3^{47}$ ;

if  $5 \nmid n$  then there exists  $a_n m = 5n/4 \neq n$  so that  
 $\varphi(n) = \varphi(m)$ ; hence  $5 \mid n$ ; whence  $5 \in M$ ;

if  $5^2 \nmid n$  then there exists  $a_n m = 4n/5 \neq n$  with our  
property; hence  $5^2 \mid n$ ;

analogously, if  $7 \nmid n$  we can take  $m = 7n/6 \neq n$ , hence  $7 \mid n$ ; if

$7^2 \nmid n$  we can take  $m = 6n / 7 \neq n$ ; whence  $7 \in M$  and  $7^2 \mid n$ ; etc.

The method continues until it isn't possible to add another prime to  $M$ , by its construction.

For example, from the 168 primes less than 1000, only 17 ones do not belong to  $M$  (namely: 101, 151, 197, 251, 401, 491, 503, 601, 607, 677, 701, 727, 751, 809, 883, 907, 983); all another 151 primes belong to  $M$ .

Note  $M = \{2, 3, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s, \dots\}$ , then  $n$  is a multiple of  $2^{42} \cdot 3^{47} \cdot p_1^2 \cdot p_2^2 \dots p_s^2 \dots$ . Since our example,  $M$  contains at least 151 elements, hence  $s \geq 149$ .

If  $M$  is infinite then there exist no counterexample  $n$ , whence Carmichael's conjecture is solved.

(The author conjectures  $M$  is infinite.)

By an electronic computer it is possible to find a very large number of primes which divide  $n$  using the method of construction of  $M$ , and trying reach newprime  $p$  if  $p-1$  is a product of primes only from  $M$ .

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## ON DIOPHANTINE EQUATION $x^2 = 2y^4 - 1$

In his book of unsolved problems Guy informs us that the equation  $x^2 = 2y^4 - 1$  has in positive integers the only solutions (1,1) and (239,13); (Ljunggren has shown it by a difficult proof). But Mordell asks a simple proof.

In this note we find other method of solving.

Note  $t = y^2$ . The general integer solution for  $x^2 - 2t^2 + 1 = 0$  is

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = 3x_n + 4t_n \\ t_{n+1} = 2x_n + 3t_n \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, \varepsilon)$  with  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$  (see F. Gh.S.)

$$\text{or } \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where a matrix att the power zero is equal to the unit matrix  $I$ .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Then } \det(A - \lambda \cdot I) = 0$$

involves  $\lambda_{1,2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{2}$ , whence if  $v$  is a vector of dimension two then:  $Av = \lambda_{1,2} \cdot v$  involves

$$\text{Let } P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} 3+2\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 3-2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ We}$$

have  $P^{-1} \cdot A \cdot P = D$ ,

$$\text{or } A^n = P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(a+b) & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(a-b) \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}(a-b) & \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where}$$

$a = (3+2\sqrt{2})^n$  and  $b = (3-2\sqrt{2})^n$  Hence, we find:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 + \varepsilon\sqrt{2}}{2}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n + \frac{1 - \varepsilon\sqrt{2}}{2}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n \\ \frac{2\varepsilon + \sqrt{2}}{4}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n + \frac{2\varepsilon - \sqrt{2}}{4}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n \end{pmatrix}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Or } y_n^2 = \frac{2\varepsilon + \sqrt{2}}{4}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n + \frac{2\varepsilon - \sqrt{2}}{4}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

For  $n = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1$  it obtains  $y_0^2 = 1$  (whence  $x_0^2 = 1$ ), and for  $n = 3$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1$  it obtains  $y_3^2 = 169$  (whence  $x_3 = 239$ ).

$$(1) y_n^2 = \varepsilon \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \binom{n}{2k} \cdot 3^{n-2k} \cdot 2^{3k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]} \binom{n}{2k+1} \cdot 3^{n-2k-1} \cdot 2^{3k+1}$$

It must prove still that  $y_n^2$  is a perfect square if and only if  $n = 0, 3$ .

We can use a similar method for the diophantine equation  $x^2 = Dy^4 \pm 1$ , or more generally:  $C \cdot X^{2a} = DY^{2b} + E$ , with  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $C, D, E \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ , noting  $X^a = U$ ,  $Y^b = V$  and applying the results of F.S., but the relation (1) becomes very intricate.

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## ON AN ERDŐS'S OPEN PROBLEM

In one of his book ("Analysis...") Mr. Paul Erdős proposed the following problem:

"The integer  $n$  is called a barrier for an arithmetic function  $f$  if  $m + f(m) \leq n$  for all  $m < n$ . Question: Are there infinitely many barriers for  $\varepsilon v(n)$ , for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ? Here  $v(n)$  denotes the number of distinct prime factors of  $n$ ."

We found some results on it, which do us to conjecture that are o finite number of barriers, for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let  $R(n)$  be the relation:  $m + \varepsilon v(m) \leq n, \forall m < n$ .

**Lemma 1.** If  $\varepsilon > 1$  there are two barriers only:  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  (which we name trivial barriers).

Proof. It is clear for  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  because  $v(0) = v(1) = 0$ .

Let  $n \geq 3$  be. Then, if  $m = n - 1$  we have

$m + \varepsilon v(m) \geq n - 1 + \varepsilon > n$ , absurd.

**Lemma 2.** There is an infinite of numbers which cannot be barriers for  $\varepsilon v(n)$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .

Proof. Let  $s, k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  be such that  $s \cdot \varepsilon > k$ . We construct  $n$  of the form  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_{i_s}^{\alpha_{i_s}} + k$ , where for all  $j$   $\alpha_{i_j} \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $p_{i_j}$  are positive distinct primes.

Taking  $m = n - k$  we have  $m + \varepsilon v(m) = n - k + \varepsilon \cdot s > n$

But there exists an infinite of  $n$  because the parameters

$\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_s}$  are arbitrary in  $\mathbb{N}^*$

and  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_s}$  are arbitrary positive distinct primes, also there is an infinite of couples  $(s, k)$  for an  $\varepsilon > 0$ , fixed, with the property  $s \cdot \varepsilon > k$ .

**Lemma 3.** For all  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$  there are nontrivial barriers for  $\varepsilon v(n)$ .

Proof. Let  $t$  be the greatest natural number such that  $t\varepsilon \leq 1$  (there is always this  $t$ ).

Let  $n$  be from  $[3, \dots, p_1 \cdots p_t p_{t+1}]$ , where  $\{p_i\}$  is therequence of the positive prime. Then  $1 \leq v(n) \leq t$ .

All  $n \in [1, \dots, p_1 \cdots p_t p_{t+1}]$  is a barrier, because:

$\forall 1 \leq k \leq n-1$ , if  $m = n-k$  we have  $m + \varepsilon v(m) \leq n-k + \varepsilon \cdot t \leq n$ .

Hence, there are at least  $p_1 \cdots p_t p_{t+1}$  barriers.

Corollar. If  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  then  $n$  (the number of barriers)  $\rightarrow \infty$

**Lemma 4.** Let  $n \in [1, \dots, p_1 \cdots p_r p_{r+1}]$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$  be. Then:  $n$  is a barrier if and only if  $R(n)$  is verified for  $m \in \{n-1, n-2, \dots, n-r+1\}$ .

Proof. It is sufficiently to prove that  $R(n)$  is always verified for  $m \leq n-r$ .

Let  $m = n-r-u$  be,  $u \geq 0$ . Then  $m + \varepsilon v(m) \leq n-r-u + \varepsilon \cdot r \leq n$

**Conjecture.**

We note  $I_r \in [p_1 \cdots p_r, \dots, p_1 \cdots p_r p_{r+1}]$ . Of course  $\bigcup_{r \geq 1} I_r = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , and  $I_{r_1} \cap I_{r_2} = \emptyset$  for  $r_1 \neq r_2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}_r(1+t)$  be the number of all numbers  $n$  from  $I_r$  such that  $1 \leq v(n) \leq t$ .

We conjecture that there are a finite numbers of barriers for  $\varepsilon v(n)$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ;

because  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{N}_r(1+t)}{p_1 \cdots p_{r+1} - p_1 \cdots p_r} = 0$

and the probability (of finding of  $r-1$  consecutive values for  $m$ , which verify the relation  $R(n)$ ) tends to zero.

Paul Erdős has proposed the following problem:

(1) "Is it true that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{m < n} (m + d(m)) - n = \infty$ ?,

where  $d(m)$  represents the number of all positive divisors of  $m$ ."

We have clearly:

**Lemma 1.**  $(\forall)n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $(\exists)!s \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $(\exists)! \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha_s \neq 0$ , such that  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s} + 1$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots$  constitute the increasing requence of all positive primes.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . We define the subsequence  $n_s(i) = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s} + 1$ , where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s$  are arbitrary elements of  $\mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\alpha_s \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_s \rightarrow \infty$  and we order it such that  $n_s(1) < n_s(2) < \dots$  (increasing sequence)

We find an infinite of subsequences  $\{n_s(i)\}$ , when  $s$  traverses  $\mathbb{N}^*$ , with the properties:

a)  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} n_s(i) = \infty$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

b)  $\{n_{s_1}(i), i \in \mathbb{N}^*\} \cap \{n_{s_2}(j), j \in \mathbb{N}^*\} = \emptyset$ , for  $s_1 \neq s_2$   
(distinct subsequences).

c)  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1, 2\} = \bigcup_{s \in \mathbb{N}^*} \{n_s(i), i \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$

Then:

**Lemma 3.** If in (1) we calculate the limite for each subsequence  $\{n_s(i)\}$  we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \max_{m < p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}} (m + d(m)) - p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s} - 1 \right) \geq \\
& \geq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left( p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s} + (\alpha_1 + 1) \dots (\alpha_s + 1) - p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_1} - 1 \right) = \\
& = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} ((\alpha_1 + 1) \dots (\alpha_s + 1) - 1) > \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_s) = \infty
\end{aligned}$$

From these lemmas it results a

**Theorem.** We have  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{m < n} (m + d(m)) - n = \infty$ .

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## METHODS FOR SOLVING LETTER SERIES

Letter - series problems occur in many American tests for measuring quantitative ability of supervisory personnel.

They are more difficult than number-series used for measuring mathematical ability because are unusual and complex.

According to the English alphabetic order:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

as well as to the of a given sequence of letters, the question consists of finding of the following letters of the sequence which obey same rules.

For example: let b d f h j ... be a given sequence; find the next two letters in this series,

Of course, they are l n because letters are taken two by two from the alphabet: b d f h j k l m n.

In order to solve easier letter - series we transform them into number - series, and in this case it's simpler to use some well - known mathematical procedures.

### Method I.

Associate to each letter from the alphabet a number in this way:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sample: d c i h n m ... becomes 4,3; 9,8; 14,13..., whence the next two numbers will be 19, 18 i.e. s r

### Method II.

Let  $O(L)$  be the order of the letter  $L$  in the above succession. For example  $O(F)=6$ ,  $O(S)=19$  etc.

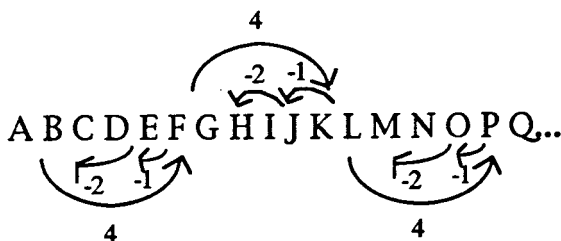
According to the given sequence associate the number zero (0) to its first letter, for the second one the difference between second letter's order and first letter's order,...

We obtain an equivalent number-series.

**Sample:** b f e c g k j h ... becomes 0, 4, -1, -2; 4; 4, -1 -2;...,

whence the next numbers will be: 4; 4, -1, -2; equivalent to l p o m.

See the rule:



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# GENERALIZATION OF AN ER'S MATRIX METHOD FOR COMPUTING

Er's matrix method for computing Fibonacci numbers and their sums can be extended to the s-additive sequence:

$$g_{-s+1} = g_{-s+2} = \dots = g_{-1} = 0, g_0 = 1 \text{ and } g_n = \sum_{i=1}^s g_{n-i} \text{ for } n > 0$$

For example, if we note  $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} g_j$ , we define two

$(s+1) \times (s+1)$  matrixes such that:

$$B_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ S_n & g_n & g_{n-1} & \dots & g_{n-s+2} & g_{n-s+1} \\ S_{n-1} & g_{n-1} & g_{n-2} & \dots & g_{n-s+1} & g_{n-s} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{n-s+1} & g_{n-s+1} & g_{n-s} & \dots & g_{n-2s+3} & g_{n-2s+2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$n \geq 1, \text{ and } M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Thus, we have}$$

analogously:  $B_{n+1} = M^{n+1}$ ,  $M^{r+c} = M^r \cdot M^c$ , whence

$$S_{r+c} = S_r + g_r S_c + g_{r-1} S_{c-1} + \dots + g_{r-s+1} S_{c-s+1},$$

$$g_{r+c} = g_r g_c + g_{r-1} g_{c-1} + \dots + g_{r-s+1} g_{c-s+1}, \text{ and for}$$

$$r = c = n \text{ it results: } S_{2n} = S_n + g_n S_n + g_{n-1} S_{n-1} +$$

$$\dots + g_{n-s+1} S_{n-s+1}, \quad g_{2n} = g_n^2 + g_{n-1}^2 + \dots + g_{n-s+1}^2; \text{ for } r = n,$$

$c = n-1$  we find:

$$g_{2n-1} = g_n g_{n-1} + g_{n-1} g_{n-2} + \dots + g_{n-s+1} g_{n-s} \text{ etc.}$$

$$S_{2n-1} = S_n + g_n S_{n-1} + g_{n-1} S_{n-2} + \dots + g_{n-s+1} S_{n-s}$$

Whence we can construct a similar algorithm as M.C.Er for computing s-additive numbers and heir sums.

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## ASUPRA TEOREMEI LUI WILSON

& 1. În anul 1770 Wilson găsea următorul rezultat din teoria numerelor "dacă  $p$  este prim atunci  $(p-1)! \equiv -1(\text{mod } p)$ ".

V-ați pus vreodată întrebarea ce se întâmplă dacă modulul  $m$  nu mai este prim? E simplu, veți răspunde, "dacă  $m$  nu este prim și  $m \neq 4$  atunci  $(m-1)! \equiv 0(\text{mod } m)$ " pentru demonstrație vezi [4].

Bine, aş continua eu, dar dacă în produsul din stânga acestei congruențe luăm doar numerele prime cu  $m$ ?

De aceea vom trata în continuare acest caz, generalizând teorema lui Wilson la un modul oarecare ce ne va conduce la un rezultat frumos.

§ 2. Fie  $m$  un număr întreg. Se notează prin  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \text{ este de forma } \pm p^n, \pm 2p^n, \pm 2^r \text{ sau } 0, \text{ unde } p \text{ este un număr prim impar și } n \text{ este număr natural iar } r = 0, 1 \text{ sau } 2\}$ .

**Teoremă\*.** Fie  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  un sistem redus de resturi modulo  $m$ . Atunci

$c_1 c_2 \cdots c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv -1(\text{mod } m)$  dacă  $m \in A$ , respectiv  $+1$  dacă  $m \notin A$ ; unde  $\varphi$  este funcția lui Euler.

Pentru demonstrație vom enunța câteva leme.

Cazurile  $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$  se verifică direct, deci le vom înlătura.

**Lema 1.**  $\varphi(m)$  este multiplu de 2.

**Lema 2.** Dacă  $c^2 \equiv 1(\text{mod } m)$  atunci  $(m-c)^2 \equiv 1(\text{mod } m)$  și  $c(m-c) \equiv -1(\text{mod } m)$  iar  $m-c \not\equiv c(\text{mod } m)$ .

Într-adevăr, dacă  $m-c \equiv c(\text{mod } m)$  avem că  $2c \equiv 0(\text{mod } m)$ , adică  $(c, m) \neq 1$ . Absurd.

Deci am demonstrat că în orice sistem redus de resturi modulo

$m$  există un număr par de elemente  $c$  cu proprietatea

$$P_1: c^2 \equiv 1(\text{mod } m).$$

Dacă  $c_{i_0}$  este din sistem, cum  $(c_{i_0}, m) \equiv 1$ , rezultă că de asemenea  $c_1 c_{i_0}, c_2 c_{i_0}, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} c_{i_0}$  constituie un sistem redus de resturi  $m$ . Deoarece  $(1, m) \equiv 1$  rezultă că oricare ar fi  $c$  din  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  există și este unic un  $c'$  din  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  astfel încât

$$(1) \quad cc' \equiv 1(\text{mod } m)$$

și reciproc: oricare ar fi  $c'$  din  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  există și este unic un  $c$  din  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}$  astfel încât

$$(2) \quad c'c \equiv 1(\text{mod } m).$$

Prin înmulțirea acestor congruențe pentru toate elementele din sistem și luând una dintre ele în cazul când  $c \neq c'$  rezultă că  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \cdot b \equiv 1(\text{mod } m)$ , unde  $b$  reprezintă produsul tuturor elementelor  $c$  pentru care  $c' \neq c$ , deoarece în acest caz  $c^2 \equiv 1(\text{mod } m)$ . Aceste elemente care verifică proprietatea  $P_1$  se grupează două câte două astfel:  $c$  cu  $m - c$ , și atunci  $c(m - c) \equiv -1(\text{mod } m)$ . Deci

$$c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv \pm 1(\text{mod } m),$$

după cum numărul elementelor distinse  $c$  din sistem care au proprietatea  $P_1$  este multiplu de 4 sau nu.

Dacă  $m \in A$  ecuația  $x^2 \equiv 1(\text{mod } m)$  are două soluții (vezi [1], p.83-88), de unde  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv -1(\text{mod } m)$ .

Această primă parte a teoremei mai putea fi demonstrată și prin următorul raționament:

dacă  $m \in A$  atunci există rădăcini primitive modulo  $m$  (vezi [1], p.65-68-72); fie  $d$  o astfel de rădăcină; atunci putem reprezenta

sistemul redus de resturi modulo  $m$   $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)}\}$  ca  $\{d^1, d^2, \dots, d^{\varphi(m)}\}$  după rearanjare, de unde  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( d^{\frac{\varphi(m)}{2}} \right)^{1+\varphi(m)} \equiv -1 \pmod{m}, \text{ deoarece din } d^{\varphi(m)} \equiv \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{m} \text{ avem c\aa } \left( d^{\frac{\varphi(m)}{2}} - 1 \right) \left( d^{\frac{\varphi(m)}{2}} + 1 \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \text{ deci} \end{aligned}$$

$d^{\frac{\varphi(m)}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{m}$ ; contrar ar fi implicat c\aa  $d$  nu este r\aa\cin\aa primitiv\aa modulo  $m$ .

Pentru a doua parte a demonstra\ciei vom mai enun\aa alte leme.

**Lema 3.** Fie numerele \intregi nenule, neunitare  $m_1$  \u0026amp;  $m_2$  cu  $(m_1, m_2) \cong 1$ . Atunci

$$(3) \ x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_1} \text{ admite solu\cia } x_1$$

$$\text{ \u0026amp; } (4) \ x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_2} \text{ admite solu\cia } x_2$$

dac\aa \u0026amp; numai dac\aa

$$(5) \ x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_1 m_2} \text{ admite solu\cia}$$

$$(5') \quad x_3 \equiv (x_2 - x_1)m'_1 m_1 + x_1 \pmod{m_1 m_2},$$

unde  $m'_1$  este inversul lui  $m_1$  fa\aa e modulul  $m_2$ .

Demonstra\cie.

Din (3) rezult\aa  $x = m_1 h + x_1$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$  iar din (4) g\aa\sim  $x = m_2 k + x_2$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  Deci

$$(6) \ m_1 h - m_2 k = x_2 - x_1$$

aceast\aa ecua\cie diofantic\aa admite solu\cii \intregi deoarece

$$(7) \ (m_1, m_2) \cong 1$$

Din (6) rezult\aa  $h \equiv (x_2 - x_1)m'_1 \pmod{m_2}$ . Astfel

$$h = (x_2 - x_1)m'_1 + m_2 t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{iar} \quad x = (x_2 - x_1)m'_1 m_1 + x_1 + m_1 m_2 t \text{ sau } x \equiv (x_2 - x_1)m'_1 m_1 + x_1 \pmod{m_1 m_2}.$$

(Ra\c ionamentul ar fi decurs analog dac\aa determin\am pe  $k$  g\aa\sim  $x \equiv (x_1 - x_2)m'_2 m_2 + x_2 \pmod{m_1 m_2}$ ), dar aceast\aa solu\cie

este congruentă modulo  $m_1 m_2$  cu cea găsită anterior;  $m'_2$  fiind inversul lui  $m_2$  modulo  $m_1$ .)

**Reciproc.** Imediat rezultă că  $x_3 \equiv x_1 \pmod{m_1}$  și  $x_3 \equiv x_2 \pmod{m_2}$ .

**Lema 4.** Fie  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  soluții pentru congruențele (3), (4) respectiv (5) astfel ca  $x_3 \equiv (x_2 - x_1)m'_1 m_1 + x_1 \pmod{m_1 m_2}$

Analog pentru  $x'_1, x'_2, x'_3$ .

(O) Vom considera de fiecare dată clasele de resturi modulo  $m$  ca având reprezentanți în sistemul  $0, 1, 2, \dots, |m|-1$ .

Atunci dacă  $(x_1, x_2) \neq (x'_1, x'_2)$  rezultă că  $x_3 \not\equiv x'_3 \pmod{m}$ .

Demonstrație prin absurd.

Fie  $x_1 \neq x'_1$  (analog se poate arăta dacă  $x_2 \neq x'_2$ )  
Din  $x_3 \equiv x'_3 \pmod{m_1 m_2}$  ar rezulta și  $x_3 \equiv x'_3 \pmod{m_1}$ ,  
adică  $(x_2 - x_1)m'_1 m_1 + x_1 \equiv (x'_2 - x'_1)m'_1 m_1 + x'_1 \pmod{m_1}$  deci  
 $x_1 \equiv x'_1 \pmod{m_1}$ . Cum  $x_1$  și  $x'_1$  sunt din  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, |m_1|-1\}$   
rezultă  $x_1 = x'_1$ . Absurd.

**Lema 5.** Congruența  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  are un număr par de soluții distincte.

Rezultă din Lema 2.

**Lema 6.** În condițiile Lemei 3 avem că numărul de soluții distincte al congruenței (5) este egal cu produsul dintre numărul soluțiilor congruențelor (3) și (4). Și, toate soluțiile congruenței (5) se obțin din soluțiile congruențelor (3) și (4) prin aplicarea formulei (5').

Într-adevăr din Lemele 3, 4 obținem aserțiunea.

**Lema 7.** Congruența

$$(8) \quad x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^m}, \quad n \geq$$



are doar patru soluții distincte:  $\pm 1, \pm(2^{n-1} - 1)$  modulo  $2^n$ .

Prin verificare directă se arată că acestea satisfac (8).

Vom arăta prin inducție că nu mai există și altele.

Pentru  $n = 3$  se verifică prin încercări, analog pentru  $n = 4$ .

Considerând afirmația adevărată pentru valori  $\leq n - 1$  să o demonstrăm pentru  $n$ .

Menținem observația (O) și remarca următoare:

(9) dacă  $x_0$  este soluție pentru congruența (8) ea va fi și pentru congruența  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^i}$ ,  $3 \leq i \leq n - 1$

Prin absurd fie  $a \neq \pm 1, \pm(2^{n-1} - 1)$  o soluție pentru (8), Vom arăta că  $(\exists) i \in \{3, 4, \dots, n - 1\}$  astfel încât  $a^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2^i}$ .

Putem considera  $2^{\frac{n}{2}} < a < 2^n - 1$  deoarece  $a$  este soluție pentru (8) dacă și numai dacă  $-a$  este soluție pentru (8).

Luăm cazul  $n = 2k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , întreg. (Se va arăta analog dacă  $n$  este impar) Fie  $a = 2^k + r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq 2^{2k} - 2^k - 2$

$$(10) a^2 = 2^{2k} + r \cdot 2^{k+1} + r^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^n},$$

de aici  $r \neq 1$ ; rezultă că  $r^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^i}$ ,  $3 \leq i \leq k + 1$

Din ipoteza de inducție, pentru  $k + 1$  găsim  $r \equiv 2^k - 1 \pmod{2^{k+1}}$  și înlocuind în (10) obținem:

$$-2^{k+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{2k}}, \text{ sau } k \leq 2 \text{ deci } n = 4, \text{ Contradicție.}$$

Deci, rezultă valabilitatea lemei,

**Lema 8.** Congruența  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  are

$$\begin{cases} 2^{s-1}, & \text{dacă } \alpha_1 = 0, 1; \\ 2^s, & \text{dacă } \alpha_1 = 2; \\ 2^{s+1}, & \text{dacă } \alpha_1 \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

soluții distincte modulo  $m = \varepsilon 2^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ , unde  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ ,

$\alpha_j \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $j = 2, 3, \dots, s$  iar  $p_j$  sunt numere prime impare diferite două câte două.

Într-adevăr congruența  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{\alpha_1}}$  are

$$\begin{cases} 1, & \text{dacă } \alpha_1 = 0, 1; \\ 2, & \text{dacă } \alpha_1 = 2; \\ 4, & \text{dacă } \alpha_1 \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

soluții distincte, iar congruențele  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p_j^{\alpha_j}}$ ,  $2 \leq j \leq s$  au fiecare câte două soluții distincte (vezi [1], p.85-88). Din Lema 6 și 7 rezultă și această leamnă.

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Cu aceste leme, rezultă că congruența  $c^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , cu  $m \notin A$  admite un număr de soluții distincte care este multiplu de 4.

De unde  $c_1 c_2 \dots c_{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , rezolvând complet generalizarea teoremei lui Wilson.

Cititorul ar putea generaliza Lemele 2,3,4,5,6,8 și adoptă Lema 7 la cazul în care avem congruența  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{m}$ , cu  $(a, m) \equiv 1$ .

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# O METODĂ DE REZOLVARE ÎN NUMERE ÎNTREGI A UNOR ECUAȚII NELINIARE

Considerăm un polinom cu coeficienți întregi, de grad  $m$

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1 + \dots + i_n \leq m \\ 0 \leq i_j \leq m, j = \overline{1, n}}} a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} X_1^{i_1} \dots X_n^{i_n}$$

care se poate descompune în factori liniari (ce se pot eventual stabili prin metoda coeficienților nedeterminați):

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \left( A_1^{(1)} X_1 + \dots + A_n^{(1)} X_n + A_{n+1}^{(1)} \right) \cdots \\ \cdots \left( A_1^{(m)} X_1 + \dots + A_n^{(m)} X_n + A_{n+1}^{(m)} \right) + B$$

cu toți  $A_j^{(k)}, B$  în  $\mathbf{Q}$ , dar care prin aducerea la același numitor comun și eliminarea acestora în ecuația  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n) = 0$  pot fi considerați întregi. Deci ecuația se transformă în sistemul

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_1^{(1)} X_1 + \dots + A_n^{(1)} X_n + A_{n+1}^{(1)} = D_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_1^{(m)} X_1 + \dots + A_n^{(m)} X_n + A_{n+1}^{(m)} = D_m \end{array} \right.$$

unde  $D_1, \dots, D_m$  sunt divizori ai lui  $B$  și  $D_1 \dots D_m = B$ .

Se rezolvă separat fiecare ecuație liniară diofantică și apoi se intersectează soluțiile.

**Exemplu.** Să se rezolve în numere întregi ecuația:

$$-2x^3 + 5x^2y + 4xy^2 - 3y^3 - 3 = 0$$

**Scriem ecuația sub altă formă**

$$(x + y)(2x - y)(-x + 3y) = 3$$

Fie  $m, n$  și  $p$  divizori ai lui 3,  $m \cdot n \cdot p = 3$ . Deci

$$\begin{cases} x + y = m \\ 2x - y = n \\ -x + 3y = p \end{cases}$$

Pentru ca sistemul să fie compatibil trebuie ca:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & m \\ 2 & -1 & n \\ -1 & 3 & p \end{array} = 0, \text{ sau } 5m - 4n - 3p = 0; \quad (1)$$

În acest caz  $x = \frac{m+n}{3}$  și  $y = \frac{2m-n}{3}$ . (2)

Deoarece  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , din (1) rezultă – prin rezolvare în numere întregi – că:

$$\begin{cases} m = 3k_1 - k_2 \\ n = k_2 \\ p = 5k_1 - 3k_2, \end{cases} \quad k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

care înlocuite în (2) dau  $x = k_1$  și  $y = 2k_1 - k_2$  Dar

$k_2 \in D(3) = \{\pm 1, \pm 3\}$ . Singura soluție se obține pentru  $k_2 = 1$ ,  $k_1 = 0$  de unde  $x = 0$  și  $y = -1$ .

Analog se poate arăta că, de exemplu ecuația:

$$-2x^3 + 5x^2y + 4xy^2 - 3y^3 = 6$$

n-are soluții în numere întregi.

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## O GENERALIZARE PRIVIND EXTREMELE UNEI FUNCȚII TRIGONOMETRICE

După lectura pasionantă a acestei cărți [1] ( matematică plus literatură!) m-am oprit asupra uneia dintre problemele expuse aici:

La pag. 121, problema 2 cere să se afle maximul expresiei  $E(x) = (9 + \cos^2 x)(6 + \sin^2 x)$ . Analog, în G.M. 7/1981, p.280, problema 18820\*.

În continuare se dă o generalizare a acestor probleme, și se prezintă o metodă mai simplă de rezolvare. Astfel:

fie  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $f(x) = (a_1 \sin^2 x + b_1)(a_2 \cos^2 x + b_2)$ ; să se afle valorile extreme ale funcției.

Pentru revolvare, vom ține cont că are loc relația:

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x, \text{ și vom nota } \sin^2 x = y. \text{ Deci } y \in [0,1].$$

Funcția devine:  $f(y) = (a_1 y + b_1)(-a_2 y + a_2 + b_2) = -a_1 a_2 y^2 + (a_1 a_2 + a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)y + b_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2$ , unde  $y \in [0,1]$ . Deci  $f$  este o parabolă.

Dacă  $a_1 a_2 = 0$  problema devine banală.

$$\text{Dacă } a_1 a_2 > 0, f(y_{\max}) = \frac{-\Delta}{4a}, y_{\max} = \frac{-b}{2a} (*)$$

a) când  $\frac{-b}{2a} \in [0,1]$ , valorile căutate sunt cele din (\*) Iar

$$y_{\min} = \max \left\{ -\frac{b}{2a} - 0, 1 + \frac{b}{2a} \right\}$$

b) când  $-\frac{b}{2a} > 1$ , avem  $y_{\max} = 1$ ,  $y_{\min} = 0$ .

(evident  $f_{\max} = f(y_{\max})$  și  $f_{\min} = f(y_{\min})$ )

c) când  $-\frac{b}{2a} < 0$ , avem  $y_{\max} = 0$ ,  $y_{\min} = 1$ .

Dacă  $a_1 a_2 < 0$  funcția admite un minim pentru

$$y_{\min} = -\frac{b}{2a}, \quad f_{\min} = \frac{-\Delta}{4a} \quad (\text{pe axa reală vorbind}) \quad (**)$$

a) când  $-\frac{b}{2a} \in [0, 1]$ , valorile căutate sunt cele din (\*\*). Iar

$$y_{\max} = \max \left\{ -\frac{b}{2a}, 1 + \frac{b}{2a} \right\}$$

b) când  $-\frac{b}{2a} > 1$ , avem  $y_{\max} = 0$ ,  $y_{\min} = 1$ .

c) când  $-\frac{b}{2a} < 0$ , avem  $y_{\max} = 1$ ,  $y_{\min} = 0$ .

Poate cazurile prezentate par complicate și nejustificate, dar reprezentați grafic parabola (sau dreapta) și atunci raționamentele sunt evidente.

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## ASUPRA REZOLVĂRII SISTEMELOR OMOGENE

În manualul de algebră de cl. a IX-a (1981), pp 103-104, este prezentată o metodă de rezolvare a sistemelor de două ecuații omogene, cu două necunoscute, de gradul al doilea. În cele ce urmează se descrie o altă metodă de rezolvare.

Fie sistemul omogen:

$$\begin{cases} a_1x^2 + b_1xy + c_1y^2 = d_1 \\ a_2x^2 + b_2xy + c_2y^2 = d_2 \end{cases}$$

cu coeficienți reali.

Se face notația  $x = ty$ , (sau  $y = tx$ ), care înlocuiește în sistem dă:

$$\begin{cases} y^2(a_1t^2 + b_1t + c_1) = d_1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{cases} y^2(a_2t^2 + b_2t + c_2) = d_2 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Împărțind pe (1) la (2) și grupând termenii, rezultă o ecuație de gradul doi în  $t$ :

$$(a_1d_2 - a_2d_1)t^2 + (b_1d_2 - b_2d_1)t + (c_1d_2 - c_2d_1) = 0$$

Dacă  $\Delta_t < 0$ , sistemul nu are soluții.

Dacă  $\Delta_t \geq 0$ , sistemul inițial devine echivalent cu sistemele:

$$(S_1) \begin{cases} x = t_1y \\ a_1x^2 + b_1xy + c_1y^2 = d_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{și } (S_2) \begin{cases} x = t_2y \\ a_1x^2 + b_1xy + c_1y^2 = d_1 \end{cases}$$

care se rezolvă simplu înlocuind valoarea lui  $x$  din prima ecuație în cea de-a doua.

Mai departe se dă o extindere a acestei metode.

Fie sistemul omogen:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_{i,j} X^{n-i} y^i = b_j, \quad j = \overline{1, m}$$

Pentru a-l rezolva, notăm  $x = ty$  Rezultă:

$$y^n \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i,j} t^{n-i} = b_j, \quad j = \overline{1, m}$$

Împărțind pe rând prima ecuație la toate celelalte avem:

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i,1} t^{n-i} \right) / \left( \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i,j} t^{n-i} \right) = b_1 / b_j, \quad j = \overline{2, m}$$

sau:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (a_{i,1} b_j - a_{i,j} b_1) t^{n-i}, \quad j = \overline{2, m}$$

Se determină valorile  $t_1, \dots, t_p$  reale din acest sistem.

Sistemul inițial va fi echivalent cu sistemele:

$$(S_h) \quad \begin{cases} x = t_h y \\ \sum_{i=0}^n a_{i,1} X^{n-1} y^i = b_1 \end{cases}$$

unde  $h = \overline{1, p}$ .



## SUR QUELQUES PROGRESSIONS

Dans cet article on construit des ensembles qui ont la propriété suivante: quel que soit leur partage en deux sous-ensembles, au moins l'un de ces sous-ensembles contient au moins trois éléments en progression arithmétique (ou bien géométrique).

**Lemme 1:** L'ensemble des nombres naturels ne peut pas être partagé en deux sous-ensembles ne contenant ni l'un ni l'autre 3 nombres en progression arithmétique.

Supposons le contraire, et soient  $M_1$  et  $M_2$  les deux sous-ensembles. Soit  $k \in M_1$

a) Si  $k+1 \in M_1$ , alors  $k-1$  et  $k+2$  sont dans  $M_2$ , sinon on pourrait construire une progression arithmétique dans  $M_1$ . Pour la même raison, puisque  $k-1$  et  $k+2$  sont dans  $M_2$ , alors  $k-4$  et  $k+5$  sont dans  $M_1$ . Donc:

$k+1$  et  $k+5$  sont dans  $M_1$  donc  $k+3$  est dans  $M_2$ ;

$k-4$  et  $k$  sont dans  $M_1$  donc  $k+4$  est dans  $M_1$ ;

on a obtenu que  $M_2$  contient  $k+2$ ,  $k+3$  et  $k+4$ , ce qui est contraire à l'hypothèse.

b) si  $k+1 \in M_1$  alors  $k+1 \in M_2$ . Analysons l'élément  $k-1$ . Si  $k-1 \in M_1$ , on est dans le cas (a) où deux éléments consécutifs appartiennent au même ensemble.

Si  $k-1 \in M_2$ . Alors, puisque  $k-1$  et  $k+1$  sont dans  $M_2$ , il en résulte que  $k-3$  et  $k+3 \in M_2$ , donc  $k \in M_1$ . Mais on obtient la progression arithmétique  $k-3$ ,  $k$ ,  $k+3$  dans  $M_1$ , contradiction.

**Lemme 2:** Si on met à part un nombre fini de termes de l'ensemble des entiers naturels, l'ensemble obtenu garde encore la propriété du lemme 1.

Dans le lemme 1, le choix de  $k$  était arbitraire, et pour chaque  $k$  on obtenait, au moins dans l'un des ensembles  $M_1$  ou  $M_2$  un triplet d'éléments en progression arithmétique: donc au moins un de ces deux ensembles contient une infinité de tels triplets.

Si on met à part un nombre fini de naturels, on met aussi à part un nombre fini de triplets en progression arithmétique.

Mais l'un au moins des ensembles  $M_1$  ou  $M_2$  conservera un nombre infini de triplets en progression arithmétique.

**Lemme 3 :** Si  $i_1, \dots, i_j$  sont des naturels en progression arithmétique, et si  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  est une progression arithmétique (respectivement géométrique), alors  $a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_j}$  est aussi une progression arithmétique (respectivement géométrique).

Démonstration: pour chaque  $j$  on a:  $2i_j = i_{j-1} + i_{j+1}$

a) Si  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  est une progression arithmétique de raison  $r$  :

$$2a_{i_j} = 2(a_1 + (i_j - 1)r) = (a_1 + (i_{j-1} - 1)r) + (a_1 + (i_{j+1} - 1)r) = a_{i_{j-1}} + a_{i_{j+1}}$$

b) Si  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  est une progression géométrique de raison  $r$  :

$$(a_{i_j})^2 = (a \cdot r^{i_j-1})^2 = a^2 \cdot r^{2i_j-2} = (a \cdot r^{i_{j-1}-1}) \cdot (a \cdot r^{i_{j+1}-1}) = a_{i_{j-1}} \cdot a_{i_{j+1}}$$

**Théorème 1:** N'importe la manière dont on partage l'ensemble des termes d'une progression arithmétique (respectivement géométrique) en sous-ensembles: dans l'un au moins de ces sous-ensembles il y aura au moins 3 termes en progression arithmétique (respectivement géométrique).

Démonstration: D'après le lemme 3, il suffit d'étudier le partage de l'ensemble des indices des termes de la progression en 2 sous-ensembles, et d'analyser l'existence (ou non) d'au moins 3 indices en progression arithmétique dans l'un de ces sous-ensembles.

Mais l'ensemble des indices des termes de la progression est l'ensemble des nombres naturels, et on a démontré au lemme 1 qu'il ne peut pas être partagé en 2 sous-ensembles sans qu'il y ait au moins 3 nombres en progression arithmétique dans l'un de ces sous-ensembles: le théorème est démontré.

**Theoreme 2:** Un ensemble  $M$  qui contient une progression arithmétique (respectivement géométrique) infinie, non constante, conserve la propriété du théorème 1.

En effet, cela découle directement du fait que tout partage de  $M$  implique le partage des termes de la progression.

**Application:** Quelle que soit la façon dont on partage l'ensemble  $A = \{1^m, 2^m, 3^m, \dots\}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{R}$ ) en 2 sous-ensembles, au moins l'un de ces sous-ensembles contient 3 termes en progression géométrique.

(Généralisation du probleme 0:255 de la "Gazeta Matematica", Bucarest, n 10/1981, p 400)

La solution résulte naturellement du théorème 2, si on remarque que  $A$  contient la progression géom  $a_n = (2^m)^n$ , ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ).

De plus on peut démontrer que dans l'un au moins des sous-ensembles il y a une infinité de triplets en progression géométrique, parce que  $A$  contient une infinité de progressions géométrique différentes:  $a_n^{(p)} = (p^m)^n$  avec  $p$  premier et  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , auxquelles on peut appliquer les théorèmes 1 et 2.

# SUR LA RESOLUTION DANS L'ENSEMBLE DES NATERELS DES EQUATIONS LINÉAIRES

L'utilité de cet article est qu'il établit si le nombre des solutions naturelles d'une equation linéaire est limité ou non. On expose aussi une méthode de resolution en nombres entiers de l'équation  $ax - by = c$  (qui représente une généralisation des lemmes 1 et 2 de [4]), un exemple de résolution d'equation a 3 inconnues, et quelques considération sur la résolution en nombres entiers naturels des équations à n inconnues.

Soit l'équation:

$$(1) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = b \text{ avec tous les } a_i, b \text{ dans } \mathbf{Z}, a_i \neq 0 \text{ et } (a_1, \dots, a_n) = \text{c.t.}$$

Lemme 1: L'équation (1) admet au moins une solution dans l'ensemble des entiers, si  $d$  divise  $b$ .

Ce resultat est classique.

Dans (1), on ne nuit pas à la généralité en preant  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ , parce que dans le cas ou  $d \neq 1$  on divise l'équation par ce nombre; si la division n'est pas entière, alors l'équation n'admet pas de solutions naturelles.

I) est evident que chaque équation linéaire homogène admet des solutions dans  $\mathbf{N}$ : au moins la solution banale!

## PEOPRIETES SUR LE NOMBRE DE SOLUTION NATURELLES D'UNE EQUATION LINEAIRE GENERALE.

On va introduire la notion suivante:

**Def.1:** L'équation (1) a des variations de signe s'il y a au moins deux coefficients  $a_i, a_j$  avec  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , tels que  $a_i \cdot a_j$

**Lemme 2:** Une équation (1) qui a des variation de signe admet une infinité de solution naturelles (généralisation du lemme 1 de [4]).

Preuve: De l'hypothèse du lemme résulte que l'équation a  $h$  termes positifs non nuls,  $1 \leq h \leq n$ , et  $k = n - h$  termes négatifs non nuls. On a  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . On suppose que les  $k$  premiers termes sont positifs et les  $k$  suivants négatifs.

On peut alors écrire:

$$\sum_{i=1}^h a_i x_i - \sum_{j=h+1}^n a'_j x_j = b \text{ où } a'_j = -a_j > 0.$$

Soit  $0 < M = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$  et  $c_i = [M / a_i]$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Soit aussi  $0 < P = [h, k]$ , et  $h_1 = P / h$  et  $k_1 = P / k$

$$\text{Prenant } \begin{cases} x_i = h_1 c_i \cdot z + x_i^o, & 1 \leq i \leq h \\ x_j = k_1 c_j \cdot z + x_j^o & h+1 \leq j \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{où } z \in \mathbb{N}, z \geq \max \left\{ \left\lceil \frac{-x_i^o}{h_1 c_i} \right\rceil, \left\lceil \frac{x_j^o}{k_1 c_j} \right\rceil \right\} + 1$$

et  $x_i^o$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  une solution particulière entière (qui existe d'après le lemme 1), on obtient une infinité de solutions dans l'ensemble des naturels par l'équation (1).

**Lemme 3:** a) Une équation (1) qui n'a pas de variation de signe a au maximum un nombre limité de solutions naturelles.

b) Dans ce cas, pour  $b \neq 0$ , constant, l'équation a le nombre maximum de solutions si et seulement si  $a_i = 1$  pour  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Preuve (voir aussi [6]).

a) On considère tous les  $a_i > 0$  ou (dans le cas contraire, multiplier l'équation par -1).

Si  $b > 0$ , il est évident que l'équation n'a aucune solution (dans  $\mathbb{N}$ ).

Si  $b = 0$ , l'équation admet seulement la solution banale.

Si  $b > 0$ , alors chaque inconnue  $x_i$  prend des valeurs entières positives comprises entre 0 et  $b / a_i = d_i$  (fini), et pas nécessairement toutes ces valeurs. Donc le nombre maximum de solutions est inférieur ou égal à :

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + d_i) \text{ qui est fini.}$$

b) Pour  $b \neq 0$ , constant,  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + d_i)$  est maximum ssi les  $d_i$  sont maximums, càd ssi  $a_i$  pour tout  $i$  de  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

**Théorème 1:** L'équation (1) admet une infinité de solution naturelles si et seulement si elle a des variation de signe.

Ceci résulte naturellement de ce qui précède.

Méthode de résolution.

**Théorème 2:** Soit l'équation a coefficients entiers  $ax - by = c$ , où  $a$  et  $b > 0$  et  $(a, b) = 1$ . Alors la solution générale en nombres naturels de cette équation est:

$$\begin{cases} x = bk + x_o \\ y = ak + y_o \end{cases} \text{ où } (x_o, y_o) \text{ est une solution particulière entiere}$$

de l'équation,

et  $k \geq \max\{[-x_o / b], [-y_o, a]\}$  est un parametre entier (généralisation du lemme 2 de [4]).

Preuve, Il résulte de [1] que la solution générale entière de

$$\text{l'équation est } \begin{cases} x = bk + x_o \\ y = ak + y_o \end{cases} \text{ où } (x_o, y_o) \text{ est une solution}$$

particulière entière de l'équation et  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Puisque  $x$  et  $y$  sont ds entiers naturels, il nous faut imposer des conditions à  $k$ , d'où la suite du théorème.

**SYSTEMATISONS!** Pour résoudre dans l'ensemble des

**naturels** une équation linéaire à  $n$  inconnues on utilise les résultats antérieurs de la façon suivante;

a) Si l'équation n'a pas de variation de signe, comme elle a un nombre limité de solutions naturelles, la résolution est faite par épreuves (voir aussi [6])

b) Si elle a des variations de signe et que  $b$  est divisible par  $d$ , alors elle admet une infinité de solutions naturelles. On détermine d'abord sa solution générale entière (voir [2], [5]):

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \alpha_{ij} k_j + \beta_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ où tous les } \alpha_{ij}, \beta_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ et les } k_j$$

sont des paramètres entiers.

En appliquant la restriction  $x_i \geq 0$  pour  $i$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , on détermine les conditions qui doivent être réalisées par les paramètres entiers  $k_j$  pour tout  $j$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . (c)

Le cas  $n = 2$  et  $n = 3$  peut être traité par cette méthode, mais quand  $n$  augmente, les conditions (c) deviennent de plus en plus difficiles à trouver.

**Exemple:** Résoudre dans  $\mathbb{N}$  l'équation  $3x - 7y + 2z = -18$ .

Sol.: dans  $\mathbb{Z}$  on obtient la solution générale entière:

$$\begin{cases} x = k_1 \\ y = k_1 + 2k_2 \\ z = 2k_1 + 7k_2 - 9 \end{cases} \quad \text{avec } k_1 \text{ et } k_2 \text{ dans } \mathbb{Z}.$$

Les conditions (c) résultent des inégalités  $x \geq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$ ,  $z \geq 0$ . Il en résulte  $k_1 \geq 0$  et aussi  $k_2 \geq \lceil -k_1 / 2 \rceil + 1$  et  $k_2 \geq \lceil (9 - 2k_1) / 7 \rceil + 1$ , c'est-à-dire  $k_2 \geq \lceil (2 - 2k_1) / 7 \rceil + 2$ . Avec ces conditions sur  $k_1$  et  $k_2$  on a la solution générale en nombres naturels de l'équation.

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## SUR LA RESOLUTION D'EQUATIONS DU SECOND DEGRÉ A DEUX INCONNUES DANS $\mathbb{Z}$

**Propriété 1:** L'équation  $x^2 - y^2 = c$  admet des solutions entières si et seulement si  $c$  appartient à  $4\mathbb{Z}$  ou est impair.

Preuve: l'équation  $(x - y)(x + y) = c$  admet des solutions dans  $\mathbb{Z}$  ssi il existe  $c_1$  et  $c_2$  de  $\mathbb{Z}$  tels que  $x - y = c_1$ ,

$$x + y = c_2, \text{ et } c_1 c_2 = c. \text{ D'où } x = \frac{c_1 + c_2}{2} \text{ et } y = \frac{c_2 - c_1}{2}$$

Mais  $x$  et  $y$  sont des entiers ssi  $c_1 + c_2 \in 2\mathbb{Z}$  c'est-à-dire:

1) ou bien  $c_1$  et  $c_2$  sont impairs, d'où  $c$  impair (et réciproquement).

2) ou bien  $c_1$  et  $c_2$  sont pairs, d'où  $c \in 4\mathbb{Z}$ .

Réciproquement, si  $c \in 4\mathbb{Z}$ , alors on peut décomposer  $c$  en deux facteurs  $c_1$  et  $c_2$  pairs, et tels que  $c_1 c_2 = c$ .

### Remarque 1:

La propriété 1 est vraie aussi pour la résolution dans  $\mathbb{N}$ , puisqu'on peut supposer  $c \geq 0$  (dans le cas contraire, on multiplie l'équation par  $(-1)$ ), et on prend  $c_2 \geq c_1 \geq 0$ , d'où  $x \geq 0$  et  $y \geq 0$ .

**Propriété 2:** L'équation  $x^2 - dy^2 = c^2$  (ou  $d$  n'est un carré parfait), admet une infinité de solutions dans  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Preuve: soient  $x = ck_1$ ,  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  et  $y = ck_2$ ,  $k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Il en résulte que  $k_1^2 - dk_2^2 = 1$  ou l'on reconnaît l'équation de Pell-Fermat, qui admet une infinité de solutions dans  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $(u_n, v_n)$ . Alors  $x_n = cu_n$ ,  $y_n = cv_n$  constituent une infinité de solutions naturelles de notre équation.

**Propriété 3:** L'équation  $ax^2 - by^2 = c$  ( $\neq 0$ ) où  $ab = k^2$ , ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), admet un nombre fini de solutions naturelles.

Preuve: on peut considérer  $a, b, c$  comme des nombres positifs: dans le cas contraire, on multiplie éventuellement l'équation par  $(-1)$  et on change le nom des variables. Multiplions l'équation par  $a$ , on aura:

$$z^2 - t^2 = d \text{ avec } z = ax \in \mathbb{N}, t = ky \in \mathbb{N} \text{ et } d = ac > 0. \quad (1)$$

On résout comme dans la propriété 1, ce qui donne  $z$  et  $t$ . Mais dans (1) on a un nombre fini de solutions naturelles, parce qu'il existe un nombre fini de diviseurs entiers pour un nombre de  $\mathbb{N}^*$ . Comme les couples  $(z, t)$  sont en nombre limité, bien sûr les couples  $(z/a, t/k)$  aussi, ainsi que les couples  $(x, y)$ .

**Propriété 4:** Si  $ax^2 - by^2 = c$ , ou  $ab \neq k^2$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) admet une solution particulière non triviale dans  $\mathbb{N}$ , alors elle admet une infinité de solutions dans  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Preuve: on pose:

$$(2) \begin{cases} x_n = x_0 u_n + b y_0 v_n \\ y_n = y_0 u_n + a x_0 v_n \end{cases} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

où  $(x_0, y_0)$  est la solution particulière naturelle pour l'équation initiale, et  $(u_n, v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  est la solution générale naturelle pour l'équation:  $u^2 - abv^2 = 1$ , nommée la résolvante Pell, qui admet une infinité de solutions.

$$\text{Alors } ax_n^2 - by_n^2 = (ax_0^2 - by_0^2)(u_n^2 - abv_n^2) = c$$

Donc (2) vérifie l'équation initiale.

# CONVERGENCE D'UNE FAMILLE DE SERIES

Dans cet article, on construit une famille d'expressions  $\mathcal{E}(n)$ .  
 Pour chaque élément  $E(n)$  de  $\mathcal{E}(n)$ , la convergence de la série  
 $\sum_{n=n_E} E(n)$  pourra être décidée d'après les théorèmes de l'article.  
 L'article donne aussi des applications.

## (1) Préliminaire.

Pour rendre l'expression plus aisée, nous utiliserons les fonctions récursives. Quelques notation et notions seront introduites pour simplifier et réduire la matière de cet article.

## (2) Définitions: lemmes.

Nous contruisons récursivement une famille d'expressions  $\mathcal{E}(n)$ .

Pour chaque expression  $E(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ , le degré de l'expression est défini récursivement et note  $d^o E(n)$ , et son coefficient dominant est noté  $c(E(n))$ .

1. Si  $a$  est une constante réelle, alors  $a \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ .

$$d^o a = 0 \text{ et } c(a) = a$$

2. L'entier positif  $n \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ .

$$d^o n = 1 \text{ et } c(n) = 1.$$

3, si  $E_1(n)$  et  $E_2(n)$  appartiennent a  $\mathcal{E}(n)$  avec  
 $d^o E_1(n) = r_1$  et  $d^o E_2(n) = r_2$ ,  $c(E_1(n)) = a_1$  et  
 $c(E_2(n)) = a_2$ , alors:

a)  $E_1(n)E_2(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ ;  $d^o (E_1(n)E_2(n)) = r_1 + r_2$ ;  
 $c(E_1(n)E_2(n))$  vaut  $a_1 a_2$ .

b) si  $E_2(n) \neq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (n \geq n_{E_2})$ , alors  $\frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)} \in \mathcal{E}(n)$  et

$$d^0\left(\frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)}\right) = r_1 - r_2, \quad c\left(\frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)}\right) = \frac{a_1}{a_2}.$$

c) si:

$\alpha$  est un réel constant et si l'opération utilisée a un sens

$(E_1(n))^\alpha$  (pr. tt.  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_{E_1}$ ), alors

$$(E_1(n))^\alpha \in \mathcal{E}(n), \quad d^0((E_1(n))^\alpha) = r_1 \alpha, \quad c((E_1(n))^\alpha) = a_1^\alpha.$$

d) si  $r_1 \neq r_2$  alors  $E_1(n) \pm E_2(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ ,

$d^0(E_1(n) \pm E_2(n))$  est le max de  $r_1$  et  $r_2$ , et

$c(E_1(n) \pm E_2(n)) = a_1$ , respectivement  $a_2$  suivant que le degré est  $r_1$  et  $r_2$ .

e) si  $r_1 = r_2$  et  $a_1 + a_2 \neq 0$ , alors  $E_1(n) + E_2(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ ,

$$d^0(E_1(n) + E_2(n)) = r_1 \text{ et } c(E_1(n) + E_2(n)) = a_1 + a_2.$$

f) si  $r_1 = r_2$  et  $a_1 - a_2 \neq 0$ , alors  $E_1(n) - E_2(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$ ,

$$d^0(E_1(n) - E_2(n)) = r_1 \text{ et } c(E_1(n) - E_2(n)) = a_1 - a_2.$$

4. Toute expression obtenue par application un nombre fini de fois du pas 3 appartient à  $\mathcal{E}(n)$

**Note 1.** De la définition de  $\mathcal{E}(n)$  il résulte que, si  $E(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$  alors  $c(E(n)) \neq 0$  et que  $c(E(n)) = 0$  si et seulement si  $E(n) = 0$ .

**Lemme 1.** Si  $E(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$  et  $c(E(n)) > 0$ , alors il existe  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$ , tel que pour tout  $n > n'$ ,  $E(n) > 0$ .

Preuve: soit  $c(E(n)) = a_1 > 0$  et  $d^0(E(n)) = r$ .

Si  $r > 0$ , alors  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n' \frac{E(n)}{n^r} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_1 n^r = +\infty$

donc il existe  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$  tel que, qqst  $n \geq n'$  on ait  $E(n) > 0$ .

Si  $r < 0$ , alors  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{E(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{-r}}{E(n)} = \frac{1}{a_1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-r} = +\infty$

donc il existe  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$ , tel que pour tout  $n \geq n'$ ,  $\frac{1}{E(n)} > 0$  on ait  $E(n) > 0$ .

Si  $r = 0$ , alors ou bien  $E(n)$  est une constante réelle positive, ou bien  $\frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)} = E(n)$ , avec  $d^o E_1(n) = d^o E_2(n)$

$= r_1 \neq 0$ , d'après ce que nous venons de voir,

$$c\left(\frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)}\right) = \frac{c(E_1(n))}{c(E_2(n))} = c(E(n)) > 0. \text{ Alors:}$$

\* ou bien  $c(E_1(n)) > 0$  et  $c(E_2(n)) > 0$ : il en résulte  
 il existe  $n_{E1} \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  et  $n \geq n_{E1}, E_1(n) > 0$  }  
 il existe  $n_{E2} \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  et  $n \geq n_{E2}, E_2(n) > 0$  }  $\Rightarrow$   
 il existe  $n_E = \max(n_{E1}, n_{E2}) \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_E,$   
 $E(n) \frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)} > 0.$

\* ou bien  $c(E_1(n)) < 0$  et  $c(E_2(n)) < 0$  et alors:

$$E(n) = \frac{E_1(n)}{E_2(n)} = \frac{-E_1(n)}{-E_2(n)} \text{ ce qui nous ramène au cas}$$

précédent.

**Lemme 2.** Si  $E(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$  et  $c(E(n)) < 0$ , alors il existe  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$ , tel que qqst  $n > n'$ ,  $E(n) < 0$ .

Preuve: l'exoression  $-E(n)$  a la propriété que  $c(-E(n)) > 0$ , d'après la définition récursive. D'après le lemme 1:

il existe  $n' \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n', -E(n) > 0$ , c'est-à-dire  
 $+E(n) < 0$ , cqfd.

**Note 2.** Pour prouver le théorème suivant, nous supposons connu le critère de convergence des séries et certaines propriétés de ces dernières.

### (3) Théorème de convergence et applications.

**Théorème :** soit  $E(n) \in \mathcal{E}(n)$  avec  $d^o E(n) = r$  soit les séries  $\sum_{n \geq n_E} E(n)$ ,  $E(n) \neq 0$ . Alors:

A) si  $r < -1$  la série est absolument convergente.

B) si  $r \geq -1$  elle est divergente où  $E(n)$  a un sens  $\forall n \geq n_E, n \in \mathbb{N}$

Preuve: d'après les lemmes 1 et 2, et parce que:

la série  $\sum_{n \geq n_E} E(n)$  converge  $\Leftrightarrow$  la série  $-\sum_{n \geq n_E} E(n)$  converge,

nous pouvons considérer la série  $\sum_{n \geq n_E} E(n)$  comme une

série à termes positifs. Nous allons prouver que la série

$\sum_{n \geq n_E} E(n)$  a la même nature que la série  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^{-r}}$ . Appliquons

le second critère de comparaison:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(n)}{\frac{1}{n^{-r}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(n)}{n^r} = c(E(n)) \neq \pm \infty$ . D'après la

note 1 si  $E(n) \neq 0$  alors  $c(E(n)) \neq 0$  et donc la série

$\sum_{n \geq n_E} E(n)$  a la même nature que la série  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^{-r}}$ , c'est-à-dire:

A) si  $r < -1$  alors la série est convergente:

B) si  $r > -1$  alors la série est divergente.

Pour  $r < -1$  la série est absolument convergente car c'est une série à termes positifs.

**Applications:** On peut en trouver beaucoup. En voici quelques-unes intéressantes:

Si  $P_q(n)$ ,  $R_s(n)$  sont des polynômes en  $n$  de degré  $q, s$ , et que  $P_q(n)$  et  $R_s(n)$  appartiennent à  $\mathcal{E}(n)$ :

$$1) \sum_{n \geq n_{PR}} \frac{\sqrt[k]{P_q(n)}}{\sqrt[h]{R_S(n)}} \text{ est } \begin{cases} \text{convergent} & \text{si } s/h - q/k > 1 \\ \text{divergent} & \text{si } s/h - q/k \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$2) \sum_{n \geq n_R} \frac{1}{R_S(n)} \text{ est } \begin{cases} \text{convergent}, & \text{si } s > 1 \\ \text{divergent}, & \text{si } s \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Exemple:** la serie  $\sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{\sqrt[2]{n+1} \cdot \sqrt[3]{n-7} + 2}{\sqrt[5]{n^2} - 17}$  est divergente

parce que  $\frac{2}{5} - (1/2 + 1/3) < 1$  et si on appelle  $E(n)$  chaque quotient de cette série,  $E(n)$  appartient à  $\mathcal{E}(n)$  et a un sens pour  $n \geq 2$ .

# REZOLVAREA CONGRUENȚELOR

În acest articol se determină unele proprietăți și metode de rezolvare a congruențelor.

## &1 Aplicații la rezolvarea congruențelor liniare

**Teorema 1.** Congruența liniară  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m}$  are soluții dacă și numai dacă  $(a_1, \dots, a_n, m) \mid b$ .

*Demonstrație:*

$a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n - my = b$  este ecuație liniară care are soluții în numere întregi  $\Leftrightarrow (a_1, \dots, a_n, -m) \mid b \Leftrightarrow (a_1, \dots, a_n, m) \mid b$ .

Dacă  $m = 0$ ,  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{0} \Leftrightarrow a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$  are soluții în numere întregi  $\Leftrightarrow (a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid b \Leftrightarrow (a_1, \dots, a_n, 0) \mid b$ .

**Teorema 2.** Congruența  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ ,  $m \neq 0$ , are  $d$  soluții distincte.

Demonstrația este diferită de cea din cursurile de teoria numerelor:  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow ax - my = b$  are soluții în numere întregi cum  $(a, m) = d \mid b$  rezultă:  $a = a_1d$ ,  $m = m_1d$ ,  $b = b_1d$  și  $(a_1, m_1) = 1$ ,  $a_1dx - m_1dy = b_1d \Leftrightarrow a_1x - m_1y = b_1$ . Deoarece  $(a_1, m_1) = 1$  rezultă că soluția generală a acestei ecuații este 
$$\begin{cases} x = m_1k_1 + x_0 \\ y = a_1k_1 + y_0 \end{cases}, k_1 = \text{parametru} \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ unde } (x_0, y_0) \text{ constituie o}$$
 soluție particulară în numere întregi a acestei ecuații;  $x = m_1k_1 + x_0$ ,  $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m_1, x_0 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow x \equiv m_1k_1 + x_0 \pmod{m}$ .  
Dăm valori lui  $k_1$  pentru a afla toate soluțiile congruenței.



Evident  $k_1 \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1, d, d+1, \dots, m-1\}$  care constituie un sistem complet de resturi modulo  $m$ .

(Deoarece  $ax \equiv b(\text{mod } m) \Leftrightarrow ax \equiv b(\text{mod } -m)$ , am presupus  $m > 0$ .)

Fie  $D = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ;  $D \subseteq M$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in M$ ,  $\exists \beta \in D$ :  
 $\alpha \equiv \beta(\text{mod } d) | m_1$

(deoarece  $D$  constituie un sistem complet de resturi modulo  $d$ )

Rezultă  $\alpha m_1 = \beta m_1(\text{mod } dm_1)$ ; cum  $x_o = x_o(\text{mod } dm_1)$  rezultă:

$$m_1 \alpha + x_o \equiv m_1 \beta + x_o(\text{mod } m)$$

Deci  $\forall \alpha \in M$ ,  $\exists \beta \in D$ :  $m_1 \alpha + x_o \equiv m_1 \beta + x_o(\text{mod } m)$ ;  
 deci  $k_1 \in D$ .

$\forall \gamma, \delta \in D$   $\gamma \not\equiv \delta(\text{mod } d) \cdot m_1 \Rightarrow \gamma m_1 \not\equiv \delta m_1(\text{mod } dm_1)$ ;  $m_1 \neq 0$   
 Rezultă  $m_1 \gamma + x_o \equiv m_1 \delta + x_o(\text{mod } m)$ , adică avem exact  
 $\text{card } D = d$  soluții distincte.

**Observația 1.** Dacă  $m = 0$ , congruența  $ax \equiv b(\text{mod } 0)$  are o singură soluție dacă  $a|b$ ; în caz contrar n-are soluții.

*Demonstrație:*

$ax \equiv b(\text{mod } 0) \Leftrightarrow ax = b$  are soluții în numere întregi  $\Leftrightarrow a|b$ .

**Teorema 3.** (O generalizare a teoremei anterioare)

Congruența  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \equiv b(\text{mod } m)$ ,  $m_1 \neq 0$ , cu  
 $(a_1, \dots, a_n, m) = d | b$  are  $d \cdot |m|^{n-1}$  soluții distincte.

*Demonstrație:*

Deoarece  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \equiv b(\text{mod } m) \Leftrightarrow a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \equiv b(\text{mod } -m)$ , putem considera  $m > 0$ .

Demonstrația se face prin inducție după  $n = \text{numărul variabilelor}$ .

Pentru  $n = 1$  afirmația este adevărată conform teoremei 2.

Presupunem că este adevărată pentru  $n-1$ . Să demonstrăm că este adevărată pentru  $n$ .

Fie congruența cu  $n$  variabile  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1} \equiv b - a_nx_n \pmod{m}$  Considerând  $x_n$  fixat, congruența  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1} \equiv b - a_nx_n \pmod{m}$  este o congruență cu  $n-1$  variabile. Pentru a avea soluții trebuie ca  $(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, m) = \delta \mid b - a_nx_n \Leftrightarrow b - a_nx_n \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$ .

Deoarece  $\delta \mid m \Rightarrow \frac{m}{\delta} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , deci pot înmulți congruența anterioară cu  $\frac{m}{\delta}$ . Rezultă  $\frac{ma_n}{\delta}x_n \equiv \frac{mb}{\delta} \pmod{\delta \cdot \frac{m}{\delta}} (*)$  care are  $\left(\frac{ma_n}{\delta}, \delta \cdot \frac{m}{\delta}\right) = \frac{m}{\delta}(a_n, \delta) = \frac{m}{\delta}(a_n, (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, m)) = \frac{m}{\delta}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n, m) = \frac{m}{\delta} \cdot d =$  soluții distincte pentru  $x_n$ . Fie  $x_n^o$  o soluție particulară a congruenței (\*). Rezultă că  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1} \equiv b - a_nx_n^o \pmod{m}$  are, conform ipotezei de inducție,  $\delta \cdot m^{n-2}$  soluții distincte pentru  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  unde  $\delta = (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, m)$ .

Deci congruența  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}x_{n-1} + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m}$  are  $\frac{m}{\delta} \cdot d \cdot \delta \cdot m^{n-2} = d \cdot m^{n-1}$  soluții distincte pentru  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  și  $x_n$ .

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Fie congruența  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m}$ ,  $m \neq 0$   
 $a_i \equiv a'_i \pmod{m}$  și  $b \equiv b' \pmod{m}$  cu  $0 \leq a'_i$ ,  $b \leq m-1$  (am făcut ipoteza nerestricțivă  $m > 0$ ). Obținem  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow a'_1x_1 + \dots + a'_nx_n \equiv b' \pmod{m}$

ecuație liniară care rezolvă în  $\mathbf{Z}$  are soluția generală:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \alpha_{11}k_1 + \dots + \alpha_{1n}k_n + \gamma_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n = \alpha_{n1}k_1 + \dots + \alpha_{nn}k_n + \gamma_n \\ y = \alpha_{n+1,1}k_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n+1,n}k_n + \gamma_{n+1}; k_j = \text{parametri} \in \mathbf{Z}, j = \overline{1, n} \\ \alpha_{ij}, \gamma_i \in \mathbf{Z}, \text{constante}, i = \overline{1, n+1}, j = \overline{1, n}. \end{cases}$$

Fie  $\alpha'_{ij} \equiv \alpha_{ij} \pmod{m}$  și  $\gamma'_i \equiv \gamma_i \pmod{m}$  cu  $0 \leq \alpha'_{ij}, \gamma'_i \leq m-1; i = \overline{1, n+1}, j = \overline{1, n}$ .

Deci

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \alpha'_{11}k_1 + \dots + \alpha'_{1n}k_n + \gamma'_1 \pmod{m} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = \alpha'_{n1}k_1 + \dots + \alpha'_{nn}k_n + \gamma'_n \pmod{m}; k_j = \text{parametri} \in \mathbf{Z}, j = \overline{1, n} \end{cases}$$

Fie  $(\alpha'_{1j}, \dots, \alpha'_{nj}, m) = d_j, j \in \overline{1, n}$ . Să demonstrăm că pentru  $k_j$  este suficient să dăm numai valorile  $0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{m}{d_j} - 1$ ;

pentru  $k_j = \frac{m}{d_j} - 1 + \beta'$  cu  $\beta' \geq 1$  obținem  $k_j = \frac{m}{d_j} + \beta$  cu  $\beta \geq 0; \beta', \beta \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

$\alpha'_{ij}k_j = \alpha'_{ij}d_jk_j = \alpha'_{ij}m + \alpha''_{ij}d_j\beta \equiv \alpha''_{ij}d_j\beta \pmod{m}$ ; am notat  $\alpha'_{ij} = \alpha''_{ij}d_j$  deoarece  $d_j | \alpha'_{ij}$ . Notez  $m = d_jm_j, m_j = \frac{m}{d_j}$ .

Fie  $\eta \in \mathbf{Z}, 0 \leq \eta \leq m-1$  astfel încât  $\eta \equiv \alpha''_{ij}d_j\beta \pmod{d_jm_j}$ , rezultă  $d_j | \eta$ .

Deci  $\eta = d_j\gamma$  cu  $0 \leq \gamma \leq m_{j-1}$  deoarece avem că  $d_j\gamma \equiv \alpha''_{ij}d_j \pmod{d_jm_j}$  care este echivalentă cu  $\gamma \equiv \alpha''_{ij} \pmod{m_j}$ .

Deci  $\forall k_j \in \mathbf{N}, \exists \gamma \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m_{j-1}\}: \alpha'_{ij}k_j \equiv d_j\gamma \pmod{m}$ ;

analog dacă parametrul  $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Deci  $k_j$  ia valori de la 0, 1, 2, ... la cel mult  $m_j - 1$ ;  $j \in \overline{1, n}$ .

Prin această parametrizare pentru fiecare  $k_j$  în (\*\*), se obțin soluțiile congruenței liniare. Se înlătură soluțiile care se repetă. Se obțin exact  $d \cdot |m|^{n-1}$  soluții distincte.

**Exemplu 1.** Să se rezolve următoarea congruență liniară:

$$2x + 7y - 6z \equiv -3 \pmod{4}$$

*Soluție.*  $7 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $-6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $-3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Rezultă  $2x + 3y + 2z \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ;  $(2, 3, 2, 4) = 1$  deci congruența are soluții și anume are  $1 \cdot 4^{3-1} = 16$  soluții distincte.

Ecuția  $2x + 3y + 2z - 4t = 1$  rezolvată în numere întregi, are soluția generală:

$$\begin{cases} x = 3k_1 - k_2 - 2k_3 - 1 \equiv 3k_1 + 3k_2 + 2k_3 + 3 \pmod{4} \\ y = -2k_1 + 1 \equiv 2k_1 + 1 \pmod{4} \\ z = k_2 \equiv k_2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

$k_j = \text{parametri} \in \mathbb{Z}, j = \overline{1, 3}$

(Expresia lui  $t$  n-am mai scris-o deoarece nu ne interesează).

Dăm valori parametrilor.  $k_j$  ia valori de la 0 la cel mult  $m_j - 1$ ;  $k_3$  ia valori de la 0 la  $m_3 - 1 = \frac{m}{d_3} - 1 = \frac{4}{(2, 0, 0)} - 1 = \frac{4}{2} - 1 = 1$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 = 0 &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \equiv 3k_1 + 3k_2 + 3 \pmod{4} \\ y \equiv 2k_1 + 1 \pmod{4} \\ z \equiv k_2 \pmod{4} \end{pmatrix}; \\ k_3 = 1 &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3k_1 + 3k_2 + 1 \\ 2k_1 + 1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$k_1$  ia valori de la 0 la cel mult 3.

$$k_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3k_2 + 3 \\ 1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3k_2 + 1 \\ \phantom{3k_2 + 3} \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix}; k_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3k_2 + 2 \\ 3 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3k_2 \\ 3 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix};$$

pentru  $k_1 = 2$  și  $3$  se obțin aceleași expresii ca pentru  $k_1 = 1$  și  $0$   $k_2$  ia valori de la  $0$  la cel mult  $3$ .

$$k_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; k_2 = 2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$k_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; k_2 = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix};$$

care reprezintă toate soluțiile distincte ale congruenței.

**Observația 2.** Prin simplificare sau amplificare a congruenței (împărțirea sau înmulțirea cu un număr  $\neq 0, 1, -1$ ) care afectează și modulul, se pierd soluții, respectiv se introduc soluții străine.

### Exemplu 2.

1) Congruența  $2x - 2y \equiv 6 \pmod{4}$  are soluțiile  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix};$

2) Dacă am simplifica prin  $2$  am obține congruența  $x - y \equiv 3 \pmod{2}$ , care are soluțiile  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ; deci se pierd soluții.

3) Dacă am amplifica cu  $2$  am obține congruența  $4x - 4y \equiv 12 \pmod{4}$ , care are soluțiile:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\
& \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \\
& \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \\
& \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix};
\end{aligned}$$

deci se introduc soluții străine.

**Observația 3.** Prin împărțirea sau înmulțirea unei congruențe cu un număr prim cu modulul, fără a împărți sau înmulți modulul, obținem o congruență care are aceleași soluții ca și cea inițială.

**Exemplu 3.** Congruența  $2x + 3y \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$  are aceleași soluții ca și congruența  $6x + 9y \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$  și anume:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## §2. APLICAȚII LA REZOLVAREA SISTEMELOR DE CONGRUENȚE LINIARE

În acest paragraf vom obține câteva teoreme interesante referitoare la sistemele de congruențe și apoi o metodă de rezolvare a lor.

**Teorema 1.** Sistemul de congruențe liniare: (1)  $a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n \equiv b \pmod{m_i}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$  are soluții dacă și numai dacă sistemul de ecuații liniare: (2)  $a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n - m_i y_i = b$ ,  $y_i$  necunoscute  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$  are soluții în numere întregi.

Demonstrația este evidentă.

**Observația 1.** Din teorema anterioară rezultă că a rezolva sistemul de congruențe (1) este echivalent cu a rezolva în numere întregi sistemul de ecuații liniare (2).

**Teorema 2.** ( O generalizare a teoremei de la pp.20, din[1]).  
Sistemul de congruențe  $a_i x \equiv b_i \pmod{m_i}$ ,  $m_i \neq 0$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$  admite soluții dacă și numai dacă:  $(a_i, m_i) | b_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$  și  $(a_i m_j, a_j m_i) | a_i b_j - a_j b_i$ ,  $i, j = \overline{1, r}$ .

*Demonstrație:*

$\forall i = \overline{1, r}$ ,  $a_i x \equiv b_i \pmod{m_i} \Leftrightarrow \forall i = \overline{1, r}$ ,  $a_i x = b_i + m_i y_i$ ,  $y_i$  fiind necunoscute  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ ; aceste ecuații diofantice, luate separat, au soluții dacă și numai dacă  $(a_i, m_i) | b_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$ .  
 $\forall i, j = \overline{1, r}$ , din:  $a_i x = b_i + y_i m_i$  și  $a_j x = b_j + y_j m_j$  obținem:  $a_i a_j x = a_j b_i + a_j m_i y_i = a_i b_j + a_i m_j y_j$ , ecuații diofantice care au soluții dacă și numai dacă  $(a_i m_j, a_j m_i) | a_i b_j - a_j b_i$ ,  $i, j = \overline{1, r}$ .

**Consecință.** (Se obține o formă mai simplă pentru teorema de la pp.20 din [1]) Sistemul de congruențe  $x \equiv b_i \pmod{m_i}$ ,  $m_i \neq 0$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$  are soluții dacă și numai dacă  $(m_i, m_j) | b_i - b_j$ ,  $i, j = \overline{1, r}$ .

*Demonstrație:*

Din teorema 2,  $a_i = 1$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, r}$  și  $(1, m_i) = 1 | b_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, r}$ .

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Fie sistemul de congruențe liniare:

$$(3) \quad a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n \equiv b \pmod{m_i}, \quad i = \overline{1, r}, \text{ rangul matricii}$$





congruențe liniare (1);  $k_j$  ia cel mult valorile  $0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{m}{d_j} - 1$ ; se înlătură soluțiile care se repetă.

**Observația 2.** Considerațiile (\*), (\*\*) și (\*\*\*) au rolul de a ușura calculul, de a micșora volumul de calcul. Acest algoritm de rezolvare a congruențelor liniare funcționează și fără aceste considerații, dar e mai dificil.

**Exemplu.** Să se rezolve sistemul de congruențe liniare:

$$(6) \begin{cases} 3x + 7y - z \equiv 2 \pmod{2} \\ 5y - 2z \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

**Soluție.** Sistemul de congruențe liniare (6) este echivalent cu:

$$(7) \begin{cases} x + y + z \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2y + z \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

care este echivalent cu sistemul de ecuații liniare:

$$(8) \begin{cases} x + y + z - 2t_1 = 0 \\ 2y + z - 3t_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$x, y, z, t_1, t_2$  necunoscute  $\in \mathbb{Z}$

Aceasta are soluția generală (vezi [2]):

$$\begin{cases} x = -2k_1 + 2k_2 + 3k_3 + 1 \\ y = k_1 - 3k_3 - 1 \\ z = k_1 \\ t_1 = k_2 \\ t_2 = k_3 \end{cases}$$

unde  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  sunt parametri  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Valorile lui  $t_1$  și  $t_2$  nu ne interesează;  $m = [2, 3] = 6$ . Deci:

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 4k_1 + 2k_2 + 3k_3 + 1 \pmod{6} \\ y \equiv k_1 + 3k_3 + 5 \pmod{6} \\ z \equiv k_1 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

$k_3$  ia valori de la 0 la  $\frac{6}{(3,3,0,6)} - 1 = 1$ ;  $k_2$  de la 0 la 2;  $k_1$  de la 0 la cel mult 5.

$$k_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \equiv 4k_1 + 2k_2 + 1 \pmod{6} \\ y \equiv k_1 + 5 \pmod{6} \\ z \equiv k_1 \pmod{6} \end{pmatrix};$$

$$k_3 = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 + 2k_2 + 4 \\ k_1 + 2 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$k_2 = 0, 1, 2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 + 1 \\ k_1 + 5 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 + 4 \\ k_1 + 2 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 + 3 \\ k_1 + 5 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 \\ k_1 + 2 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 + 5 \\ k_1 + 5 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4k_1 + 2 \\ k_1 + 2 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$k_1 = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix};$$

care constituie cele 36 de soluții distincte ale sistemului de congruențe liniare (6).

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# BAZE DE SOLUȚII PENTRU CONGRUENȚE LINIARE

În această lucrare se stabilesc câteva proprietăți legate de soluțiile unei congruențe liniare, baze de soluții pentru o congruență liniară și determinarea celorlalte soluții pornind de la aceste baze.

Această lucrare continuă articolul meu „Asupra congruențelor liniare“.

## §1 Noțiuni introductive

**Definiția 1.** (congruență liniară)

Se numește congruență liniară cu  $n$  necunoscută o congruență de forma:  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \equiv b \pmod{m}$  (1)

unde  $a_1, \dots, a_n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , iar  $x_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  sunt necunoscutele.

Se cunosc următoarele teoreme:

**Teorema 1.** Congruența liniară (1) are soluții dacă și numai dacă  $(a_1, \dots, a_n, m, b) \nmid b$ .

**Teorema 2.** Congruența liniară (1), dacă are soluții, atunci:  $|d| \cdot |m|^{n-1}$  este numărul soluțiilor sale distincte.

(vezi articolul „Asupra congruențelor liniare“)

**Definiția 2.** Două soluții  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  și  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  ale congruenței liniare (1) sunt distincte (diferite) dacă  $\exists i \in \overline{1, n}$  astfel  $x_i \not\equiv y_i \pmod{m}$

## § 2. Definiții și proprietăți asupra congruențelor.

Vom da câteva proprietăți aritmetice care se vor folosi mai departe.

**Lema 1.** Dacă  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  atunci:

$$\frac{(a_1, \dots, a_n, m) \cdot m^{n-1}}{(a_1, m) \dots (a_n, m)} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Demonstrația se face prin inducție completă după  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Când  $n=1$  este evident.

Presupunând adevărat pentru valori mai mici sau egale cu  $n$ , să arătăm pentru  $n+1$ .

Notăm  $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Atunci:

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}, m) \cdot m^n &= [(x, a_{n+1}, m) \cdot m^{2-1}] \cdot m^{n-1} \text{ care se} \\ &\text{divide conform ipotezei de inducție la } [(x, m) \cdot (a_{n+1}, m)] \cdot m^{n-1} = \\ &= [(a_1, \dots, a_n, m) \cdot (a_{n+1}, m)] \cdot m^{n-1} = [(a_1, \dots, a_n, m) \cdot m^{n-1}] \cdot \\ &\cdot (a_{n+1}, m) \text{ care se divide tot conform ipotezei de inducție la} \\ &[(a_1, m) \dots (a_n, m)] \cdot (a_{n+1}, m) = (a_1, m) \dots (a_n, m) \cdot (a_{n+1}, m). \end{aligned}$$

**Teorema 3.** Dacă  $X^o$  constituie o soluție (particulară) a congruenței liniare (1)  $p = \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i, m)$ , atunci:

$$X_i = x_i^o + \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} t_i, \quad 0 \leq t_i < (a_i, m), \quad t_i \in \mathbb{N} \quad (*)$$

( $i$  luând valori de la 1 la  $n$ ) constituie  $p$  soluții distincte ale lui (1)

*Demonstrație:*

Deoarece modulul congruenței ( $n$ ) se subînțelege l-am omis, și îl vom omite.

$\sum_1^n a_i x_i = \sum_1^n a_i x_i^o + \sum_1^n \frac{a_i m}{(a_i, m)} t_i \equiv b + 0$  Deci sunt soluții. Să arătăm că sunt și distincte.

$$x_i^o + \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} \alpha \neq x_i^o + \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} \beta \text{ pentru } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \neq \beta \text{ și}$$

și  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < (a_i, m)$ , deoarece mulțimea:

$$\left\{ \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} t_i \mid 0 \leq t_i < (a_i, m), t_i \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \subseteq \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \text{ care constituie}$$

un sistem complet resturi modulo  $m$ , iar  $\frac{m}{(a_i, m)} \alpha \neq \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} \beta$

pentru  $\alpha$  și  $\beta$  anterior definiții.

Și teorema e terminată.

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Se consideră  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modulul  $A$  generat de vectori  $V_i$ , unde

$$V_i^* = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{\frac{m}{(a_i, m)}}_{i-1 \text{ ori}}, 0, \dots, 0), i = \overline{1, n}, \text{ din } \mathbb{Z}^n. \text{ Modulul } A \text{ are}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{i-1 \text{ ori}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{n-i \text{ ori}}$   
rangul  $n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). Se mai scrie  $A = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Se introduc câțiva termeni noi.

**Definiția 3.** Două soluții (vectori soluție)  $X$  și  $Y$  ale congruenței (1) se numesc independente dacă  $X - Y \notin A$

În caz contrar se numesc soluții dependente.

**Observația 1.** Cu alte cuvinte, dacă  $X$  este o soluție a congruenței (1), atunci soluția  $Y$  a aceleiași congruențe este independentă cu ea, dacă nu se obține din  $X$  prin aplicarea formulei (\*) pentru anumite valori ale parametrilor  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ .

**Definiția 4.** Soluțiile  $X^1, \dots, X^n$  se numesc independente (între ele) dacă ele sunt independente două câte două.

În caz contrac se numesc soluții dependente (între ele).

**Definiția 5.** Soluțiile  $X^1, \dots, X^n$  ale congruenței (1) constituie o bază pentru această congruență, dacă  $X^1, \dots, X^n$  sunt indepen-

dente între ele și cu ajutorul lor se pot obține toate soluțiile (distincte) ale congruenței prin procedeul (\*) parametrizând pe  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ .

### Câteva proprietăți ale soluțiilor congruențelor liniare

1) Dacă soluției  $X^1$  este independentă cu soluția  $X^2$  atunci și  $X^2$  este independentă cu  $X^1$  (comutativitatea relației de „independență”).

2)  $X^1$  nu este independentă cu  $X^1$ .

3) Dacă  $X^1$  este independentă cu  $X^2$ ,  $X^2$  independentă cu  $X^3$  nu implică  $X^1$  independentă cu  $X^3$  (relația nu e tranzitivă).

4) Dacă  $X$  este independentă cu  $Y$ , atunci  $X$  este independentă cu  $Y$ .

Într-adevăr, dacă  $Y$ , este dependentă cu  $Y$ , atunci  $X - Y_1 = (X - Y) + (Y - Y_1) = Z$ . Dacă  $Z \in A$ , rezultă  $(X - Y) = \underbrace{\quad}_{\notin A} + \underbrace{\quad}_{\in A} = Z - (Y - Y_1) \in A$  deoarece  $A$  este un  $Z$ -modul. Absurd.

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**Teorema 4.** Notând  $P_1 = (a_1, \dots, a_n, m) \cdot |m|^{n-1}$  și  $P_2 = (a_1, m) \cdot \dots \cdot (a_n, m)$  atunci congruența liniară (1) are baza formată din:  $\frac{P_1}{P_2}$  soluții

*Demonstrație:*

$P_1 > 0$  și  $P_2 > 0$  din lema 1 avem  $\frac{P_1}{P_2} \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , deci are sens

teorema (considerăm c.m.m.d.c. ca număr pozitiv)

$P_1$  reprezintă numărul de soluții distincte (în total) al congruenței (1), conform teoremei 2.

$P_2$  reprezintă numărul de soluții distincte obținute pentru congruența (1) prin aplicarea procedurii (\*) (dând toate valorile posibile parametrilor  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ ) unei singure soluții particulare.

Deci trebuie să aplicăm de  $\frac{P_1}{P_2}$  ori procedura (\*) pentru a obține toate soluțiile congruenței, adică este nevoie de exact  $\frac{P_1}{P_2}$  soluții particulare independente ale congruenței. Adică baza are  $\frac{P_1}{P_2}$  soluții.

**Observația 2.** Orice bază de soluții (pentru o aceeași congruență liniară) are aceeași număr de vectori.

### § 3. Metodă de rezolvare a congruențelor liniare.

Acest paragraf își propune să valorifice rezultatele obținute mai înainte.

Fie congruența liniară (1) cu  $(a_1, \dots, a_n, m) = d|b$ ,  $m \neq 0$ .

- se determină numărul soluțiilor distincte ale congruenței:

$$P_1 = |d| \cdot |m|^{n-1}$$

- se determină numărul soluțiilor din bază:  $S = \frac{P_1}{\prod_{i=1}^n (a_i, m)}$ ;

- se construiește  $Z$ -modulul  $A = \{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$ , unde

$$V_i^t = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{\frac{m}{(a_i, m)}}_{i-1}, 0, \dots, 0), \quad i = \overline{1, n}.$$

- se caută  $s$  soluții independente (particulare) ale congruenței

- se aplică procedura (\*) astfel:

dacă  $X^j$ ,  $j = \overline{1, s}$  sunt cele  $s$  soluții independente din bază,



$$\text{rezultă că } X^{j(t_1, \dots, t_n)} = \left( x_i^j + \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} t_i \right) \quad i = \overline{1, n} \quad (*)$$

sunt toate cele  $P_1$  soluții ale congruenței liniare (1),

$$j = \overline{1, s}, t_1 \times \dots \times t_n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d_1 - 1\} \times \dots \times \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d_n - 1\}$$

unde  $d_i = \lfloor \frac{m}{(a_i, m)} \rfloor$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ .

**Observația 3.** Corectitudinea acestei metode rezultă din paragrafele anterioare.

**Aplicație.** Fie congruența liniară neomogenă  $2x - 6y \equiv 2 \pmod{12}$ . Ea are  $(2, 6, 12) \cdot 12^{2-1} = 24$  soluții distincte. Baza va avea 24:  $[(2, 12) \cdot (6, 12)] = 2$  soluții.

$$V_1^t = (6, 0), V_2^t = (0, 2) \text{ și } A = \{V_1, V_2\} = \{(6t_1, 2t_2)^t \mid t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Soluțiile  $x \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$  și  $y \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ ,  $x \equiv 1$  și  $y \equiv 0$  sunt

$$\text{dependente deoarece } \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in A.$$

$$\text{Dar } \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ este independentă cu } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ deoarece } \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin A.$$

Deci cele 24 soluții ale congruenței se obțin din:

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 + 6t_1, & 0 \leq t_1 < 2, \quad t_1 \in \mathbb{N} \\ y \equiv 0 + 2t_2, & 0 \leq t_2 < 6, \quad t_2 \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{și } \begin{cases} x \equiv 4 + 6t_1, & 0 \leq t_1 < 2, \quad t_1 \in \mathbb{N} \\ y \equiv 1 + 2t_2, & 0 \leq t_2 < 6, \quad t_2 \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

prin parametrizarea  $(t_1, t_2) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 + 6t_1 \\ y \equiv 0 + 2t_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 4 + 6t_1 \\ y \equiv 1 + 2t_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \binom{4}{1}, \binom{4}{3}, \binom{4}{5}, \binom{4}{7}, \binom{4}{9}, \binom{4}{11}, \\ \binom{10}{1}, \binom{10}{3}, \binom{10}{5}, \binom{10}{7}, \binom{10}{9}, \binom{10}{11};$$

care constituie toate cele 24 soluții distincte ale congruenței date;  $\binom{1}{0}$  înseamnă:  $x \equiv 1(\text{mod } 12)$  și  $y \equiv 0(\text{mod } 12)$ ; etc.

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# CRITERII CA UN NUMĂR NATURAL SĂ FIE PRIM

În acest articol se prezintă câteva condiții neceare și suficiente ca un număr natural să fie prim.

**Teorema 1.** Fie  $p$  un număr natural  $\geq 3$ :  $p$  este prim dacă și numai dacă  $(p-3)! \equiv \frac{p-1}{2} \pmod{p}$

*Demonstrație:*

*Necesitatea:*  $p$  este prim  $\Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  conform teoremei lui Wilson. Rezultă  $(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , sau  $2(p-3)! \equiv p-1 \pmod{p}$ . Dar  $p$  fiind număr prim  $\geq 3$  rezultă  $(2, p) = 1$  și  $\frac{p-1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Are sens împărțirea congruenței cu 2 și obținem concluzia.

*Suficiența:* Congruența  $(p-3)! \equiv \frac{p-1}{2} \pmod{p}$  o înmulțim cu  $(p-1)(p-2) \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$  (vezi [1], pg.10-16) și rezultă  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , din teorema lui Wilson, trăgându-se concluzia că  $p$  este prim.

**Lema 1.** Fie  $m$  un număr natural  $>4$ , Atunci :  $m$  nu este număr prim dacă și numai dacă  $(m-1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

*Demonstrație:*

Suficiența este evidentă conform teoremei lui Wilson.

*Necesitatea:*  $m$  se scrie  $m = a_1^{\alpha_1} \dots a_s^{\alpha_s}$ , unde  $a_i$  sunt numere prime pozitive, distincte două câte două și  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , oricare ar fi  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

Dacă  $s \neq 1$  atunci  $a_i^{\alpha_i} < m$ , oricare ar fi  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

Deci  $a_1^{\alpha_1} \dots a_s^{\alpha_s}$  sunt factori distincți în produsul  $(m-1)!$  deci  $(m-1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

Dacă  $s=1$  atunci  $m = a^\alpha$  cu  $\alpha \geq 2$  (deoarece  $m$  este neprim). Când  $\alpha = 2$  avem  $a < m$  și  $2a < m$  deoarece  $m > 4$ . Rezultă că  $a$  și  $2a$  sunt factori diferiți în  $(m-1)!$  și deci  $(m-1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ . Când  $\alpha > 2$ , avem  $a < m$  și  $a < m$  și  $a^{\alpha-1} < m$ , iar  $a$  și  $a^{\alpha-1}$  sunt factori diferiți în produsul  $(m-1)!$ .

Deci  $(m-1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  și lema e demonstrată în toate cazurile.

**Teorema 2.** Fie  $p$  un număr natura  $> 4$ . Atunci:  $p$  este prim dacă și numai dacă  $(p-4)! \equiv (-1)^{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]+1} \cdot \left[\frac{p+1}{6}\right] \pmod{p}$ .

*Demonstrație:*

*Necesitatea:*  $(p-4)!(p-3)(p-2)(p-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  din teorema lui Wilson, sau  $6(p-4)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ;  $p$  fiind prim și mai mare decât 4, rezultă că  $(6, p) = 1$ .

Rezultă că  $p = 6k \pm 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$

A) Dacă  $p = 6k - 1$ , atunci  $6 \nmid (p+1)$  și  $(6, p) = 1$ , și împărțind congruența  $6(p-4)! \equiv p+1 \pmod{p}$ , care este echivalentă cu cea inițială, prin 6 obținem:

$$(p-4)! \equiv \frac{p+1}{6} \equiv (-1)^{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]+1} \cdot \left[\frac{p+1}{6}\right] \pmod{p}.$$

B) Dacă  $p = 6k + 1$ , atunci  $6 \nmid (1-p)$  și  $(6, p) = 1$ , și împărțind congruența  $6(p-4)! \equiv 1-p \pmod{p}$ , care este echivalentă cu cea inițială, prin 6 rezultă:

$$(p-4)! \equiv \frac{1-p}{6} \equiv -k \equiv (-1)^{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]+1} \cdot \left[\frac{p+1}{6}\right] \pmod{p}$$

**Suficiența:** Trebuie să arătăm că  $p$  este prim. Mai întâi arătăm că  $p \neq 6$

Presupunem prin absurd, că  $p = 6k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Înlocuind în congruența din ipoteză, rezultă  $(6k - 4)! \equiv -k \pmod{6k}$ . Din inegalitatea  $6k - 5 \geq k$  pentru  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , rezultă  $k \nmid (6k - 5)!$ . Din  $22 \nmid (6k - 4)$ , rezultă  $2k \nmid (6k - 5)!(6k - 4)$ . Deci  $2k \nmid (6k - 4)!$  și  $2k \nmid 6k$ , rezultă (conform proprietății congruențelor) (vezi [1], pg.9-26) că  $2k \nmid (-k)$ , ceea ce nu este adevărat și astfel  $p \neq 6$ .

Din  $(p-1)(p-2)\cdots(p-3) \equiv -6 \pmod{p}$  prin înmulțire cu congruența inițială rezultă:  $(p-1)! \equiv (-1)^{\left[\frac{p}{3}\right]} 6 \cdot \left[\frac{p+1}{6}\right] \pmod{p}$ .

Considerăm lema 1, pentru  $p > 4$  avem:

$$(p-1)! \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p}, & \text{dacă } p \text{ nu este prim;} \\ -1 \pmod{p}, & \text{dacă } p \text{ este prim;} \end{cases}$$

a) Dacă  $p = 6k + 2 \Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv 6k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

b) Dacă  $p = 6k + 3 \Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv -6k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

c) Dacă  $p = 6k + 4, \Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv -6k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Deci  $p \neq 6k + r$  cu  $r \in \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

Rezultă că  $p$  este de forma:  $p = 6k \pm 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  și atunci avem:  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , adică  $p$  este prim.

**Teorema 3.** Dacă  $p$  este un număr natural  $\geq 5$ , atunci;  $p$  este prim dacă și numai dacă  $(p-5)! \equiv rh + \frac{r^2 - 1}{24} \pmod{p}$ ,

unde  $h = \left[\frac{p}{24}\right]$  iar  $r = p - 24h$ .

**Demonstrație:**

**Necesitatea:**  $p$  este prim, rezultă  $(p-5)!(p-4)\cdots(p-3)(p-2)(p-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  sau

$$24(p-5)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$

Dar  $p$  se scrie  $p = 24h + r$ , cu  $r \in \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$

deoarece este prim. Se verifică simplu că  $\frac{r^2 - 1}{24} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$24(p-5)! \equiv -1 + r(24h + r) \equiv 24rh + r^2 - 1 \pmod{p}$$

Cum  $24, p=1$  și  $24 \nmid (r^2 - 1)$  putem împărți congruența cu

$$24, \text{ obținând: } (p-5)! \equiv rh + \frac{r^2 - 1}{24} \pmod{p}$$

*Suficiența:*  $p$  se poate scrie  $p = 24h + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 24$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Înmulțind congruența  $(p-4)(p-3)(p-2)(p-1) \equiv 24 \pmod{p}$  cu cea inițială, obținem:

$$(p-1)! \equiv r(24h + r) - 1 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

**Teorema 4.** Fie  $p = (k-1)!h + 1$ ,  $k > 2$  și cu număr natural. Atunci:  $p$  este prim dacă și numai dacă

$$(p-k)! \equiv (-1)^{h + \left\lfloor \frac{p}{k} \right\rfloor + 1} \cdot h \pmod{p}.$$

$$\text{Demonstrație: } (p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow (p-k)!(-1)^{k-1}$$

$$(p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{Avem: } ((k-1)!, p) = 1. \quad (1)$$

$$\text{A) } p = (k-1)!h + 1.$$

a)  $k$  este număr par  $\Rightarrow (p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv 1 + p \pmod{p}$   
 $\pmod{p}$  și, deoarece are loc relația (1) iar  $(k-1)! \nmid (1+p)$ , prin împărțire cu  $(k-1)!$  avem:  $(p-k)! \equiv h \pmod{p}$ .

b)  $k$  este număr impar  $\Rightarrow (p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv -1 - p \pmod{p}$   
 și deoarece are loc relația (1) iar  $(k-1)! \nmid (-1-p)$ , prin împărțirea cu  $(k-1)!$  avem:  $(p-k)! \equiv -h \pmod{p}$

$$\text{B) } p = (k-1)!h + 1$$

a)  $k$  este număr par  $\Rightarrow (p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv 1-p \pmod{p}$  și, cum  $(k-1)!(1-p)$  și are loc relația (1), prin împărțire cu  $(k-1)!$  avem:  $(p-k)! \equiv -h \pmod{p}$ .

b)  $k$  este număr impar  $\Rightarrow (p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv -1+p \pmod{p}$  și, cum  $(k-1)!(-1+p)$  și are loc relația (1), prin împărțire cu  $(k-1)!$  avem  $(p-k)! \equiv h \pmod{p}$ .

Concentrând toate aceste cazuri, obținem: dacă  $p$  este prim,  $p = (k-1)!h \pm 1$ , cu  $k > 2$  și  $h \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , atunci

$$(p-k)! \equiv (-1)^{h + \left[\frac{p}{h}\right] + 1} \cdot h \pmod{p}.$$

*Suficiența:* Înmulțind congruența inițială cu  $(k-1)!$  rezultă

$$(p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv (k-1)!h \cdot (-1)^{\left[\frac{p}{h}\right] + 1} \cdot (-1)^k \pmod{p}.$$

Analizând separat fiecare din cazurile: A)  $p = (k-1)!h - 1$  și B)  $p = (k-1)!h + 1$ , se obține pentru amândouă, congruența:

$$(p-k)!(k-1)! \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{p}$$

care este echivalentă (am arătat la începutul acestei demonstrații) cu  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  și rezultă că  $p$  este prim.

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# **INTEGER ALGORITHMS TO SOLVE LINEAR EQUATIONS AND SYSTEMS**

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## FOREWORD

The present work includes some of the author's original researches on the integer solutions of equations and linear systems:

1. The notion of "general integer solution" of a linear equation with two unknowns is extended to linear equations with  $n$  unknowns and then, to linear systems.
2. The properties of the general integer solution are determined (both of a linear equation and system).
3. Seven original integer algorithms (two for linear equations and five for linear systems) are presented. The algorithms are carefully demonstrated and an example for each of them is given. These algorithms can be easily introduced into a computer.

# INTEGER SOLUTIONS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

Definitions and properties of the integer solutions of linear equations.

Consider the following linear equation:

$$(1) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = b, \text{ with all } a_i \neq 0 \text{ and } b \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}$$

Again, let  $h \in \mathbf{N}$ , end  $f_i: \mathbf{Z}^h \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ .

## Definition 1

$x_i = x_i^o$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  is the particular integer solution of equation

$$(1), \text{ if all } x_i^o \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i^o = b.$$

## Definition 2

$x_i = f_i(k_1, \dots, k_h)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  is the general integer solution of equation (1) if:

$$(a) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i(k_1, \dots, k_h) = b \quad \forall (k_1, \dots, k_h) \in \mathbf{Z}^h,$$

(b) Irrespective of  $f_i(x_1^o, \dots, x_n^o)$  there is a particular integer solution for (1)  $(k_1^o, \dots, k_h^o) \in \mathbf{Z}^h$  so that  $x_i^o = f_i(k_1^o, \dots, k_h^o)$  for all  $i = \overline{1, n}$ .

We will further see that the general integer solution can be expressed by linear functions.

We consider for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  the functions  $f_i = \sum_{j=1}^h c_{ij} k_j + d_i$  with all  $c_{ij}, d_i \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

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$\overline{1, n}$  means: from 1 to  $n$

**Definition 3**

$A = (c_{ij})_{i,j}$  the matrix associated with the general solution of equation (1).

**Definition 4**

The integers  $k_1, \dots, k_s$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq h$  are independent if all the corresponding column vectors of matrix  $A$  are linearly independent.

**Definition 5**

An integer solution is  $s$  - times undetermined if the maximal number of independent parameters is  $s$ .

**Theorem 1.** The general integer solution of equation (1) is undetermined  $(n-1)$  - times.

*Proof*

We suppose that the particular integer solution is of the form:

$$(2) \quad x_i = \sum_{e=1}^r i_{ie} P_e + v_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}, \quad \text{with all } u_{ie}, v_i \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$P_e$  = are parameters of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , while a  $a \leq r < n-1$ .

Let  $(x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0)$  be a general integer solution of equation

(1) (we are not interested in the case when the equation does not have an integer solution). the solution

$$\begin{cases} x_j = a_n k_j + x_j^0, & j = \overline{1, n-1} \\ x_n = -(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_j k_j - x_n^0) \end{cases}$$

is undetermined  $(n-1)$  - times (it can be easily checked that the order of the associated matrix is  $n-1$ ). Hence, there are  $n-1$

undetermined solutions. Let, in the general case, a solution be undetermined  $n-1$  times:

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j + d_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n} \quad \text{with all } c_{ij}, d_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Consider the case when  $b = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i &= 0. \text{ It follows } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j + d_i \right) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i = 0. \end{aligned}$$

For  $k_j = 0, j = \overline{1, n-1}$  it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i = 0$ .

For  $k_{j_0} = 1$  and  $k_j = 0, j \neq j_0$ , it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_{ij_0} = 0$ .

Let the homogenous linear system of  $n$  equations with  $n$  unknowns be:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i c_{ij} = 0, & j = \overline{1, n-1} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i d_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

which, obviously has solution  $x_i = a_i, i = \overline{1, n}$  different from the trivial one. Hence the determinant of the system is zero, i.e., the vectors  $c_j = (c_{1j}, \dots, c_{nj})^t, j = \overline{1, n-1}, D = (d_1, \dots, d_n)^t$ , are linearly dependent.

But the solution being  $n-1$  times undetermined it shows that  $c_j, j = \overline{1, n-1}$  are linearly independent. Then  $(c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  determines a free submodule  $\mathbb{Z}$  of the order  $n-1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of solutions for the given equation.

Let us see what can be obtained from (2). We have:

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{e=1}^r u_{ie} P_e + v_i \right) \text{ As above, we obtain:}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{e=1}^r a_i u_{ie} = 0 \text{ similarly, the vectors}$$

$U_h = (u_{1h}, \dots, u_{nh})$  are linearly independent,  $h = \overline{1, r}$ ,  $U_h$ ,  $h = \overline{1, r}$  are  $V = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  particular integer solutions of the homogenous linear equation.

### Subcase (a1)

$U, h = \overline{1, r}$  are linearly dependent. This gives  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\} =$  the free submodule of order  $r$  in  $Z^n$  of solutions of the equation. Hence, there are solutions from  $\{V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}\}$  which are not from  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\}$ ; this contradicts the fact that (2) is the general integer solution.

### Subcase (a2)

$U_h, h = \overline{1, r}, V$  are linearly independent. Then,  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\} + V$  is a linear variety of the dimension  $< n-1 = \dim \{V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}\}$  and the conclusion can be similarly drawn.

Consider the case when  $b \neq 0$ .

$$\text{So, } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = b. \text{ Then } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j + d_i \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_{ij} \right) k_j + \\ + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i = b, \quad \forall (k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}) \in Z^{n-1}. \text{ As in the previous}$$

case, we get  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i = b$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_{ij} = 0, \quad \forall j = \overline{1, n-1}$ . The vectors  $c_j = (c_{1j}, \dots, c_{nj})^t, \quad j = \overline{1, n-1}$ , are linearly independent because the solution is undetermined  $n-1$  times.

Conversely, if  $c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}, D$  (where  $D = (d_1, \dots, d_n)^t$ ) were

linearly dependent, it would mean that  $D = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} s_j c_j$  with all  $s_j$  scalar; it would also mean that  $b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} s_j c_{ij} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} s_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_{ij} \right) = 0$ .

This is impossible.

(3) Then  $\{c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}\} + D$  is a linear variety.

Let us see what we can obtain from (2). We have:

$$b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{e=1}^r u_{ie} P_e + v_i \right) = \sum_{e=1}^r \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_{ie} \right) P_e + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$$

and, similarly:  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = b$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_{ie} = 0, \forall e = \overline{1, r}$ ,

respectively. The vectors  $U_e = (u_{1e}, \dots, u_{ne})^t, e = \overline{1, r}$  are linearly independent because the solution is undetermined  $r$ -times.

A procedure like that applied in (3) shows that  $U_1, \dots, U_r, V$  are linearly independent, where  $V = (v_1, \dots, v_n)^t$ . Then  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\} + V =$  a linear variety = free submodule of order  $r < n-1$ . That is, we can find vectors from  $c_1, \dots, c_{n-1} + D$  which are not from  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\} + V$ , contradicting the "general" characteristic of the integer number solution. Hence, the general integer solution is undetermined  $n-1$  times.

**Theorem 2.** The general integer solution of the homogenous linear equation  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$  (all  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ ) can be written under the form:

$$(4) \quad x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j, \quad i = \overline{1, n} \quad (\text{with } d_1 = \dots = d_n = 0).$$

**Definition 6.** This is called the standard form of the general integer solution of a homogeneous linear equation.

*Proof:*

We consider the general integer solution under the form:

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} P_j + d_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n} \quad \text{with not all } d_i = 0. \quad \text{We show that it}$$

can be written under the form (4). The homogenous equation has the trivial solution  $x_i = 0, \quad i = \overline{1, n}$ . There is

$$(p_1^0, \dots, p_{n-1}^0) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \quad \text{so that} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} p_j^0 + d_i = 0, \quad \forall i = \overline{1, n}.$$

Substituting:  $P_j = k_j + p_j, \quad j = \overline{1, n-1}$  in the form from the beginning of the demonstration we will obtain form (4). We have to mention that the substitution does not diminish the degree of generality as  $P_j \in \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$  because  $j = \overline{1, n-1}$ .

**Theorem 3.** The general integer solution of a nonhomogeneous linear equation is equal to the general integer solution of its associated homogenous linear equation + any particular integer solution of the nonhomogeneous linear equation.

*Proof:*

Let  $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j, \quad i = \overline{1, n}$ , be the general integer solution of the associated homogenous linear equation and, again, let  $x_i = v_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}$ , be a particular integer solution of the nonhomogeneous linear equation. Then,  $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j + v_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}$ , is the general integer solution of the nonhomogeneous linear equation.

Actually,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j + v_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = b$ ; if  $x_i = x_i^o$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , is a particular integer solution of the nonhomogeneous linear equation, then  $x_i = x_i - v_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , is a particular integer solution of the homogenous linear equation: hence, there is  $(k_1^o, \dots, k_{n-1}^o) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$  so that  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j^o = x_i^o - v_i$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, n}$ , i.e.,  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j^o + v_i = x_i^o$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, n}$ , which was to be proven.

**Theorem 4.** If  $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  is the general integer solution of a homogenous linear equation  $(c_{ij}, \dots, c_{nj}) \sim 1$ ,  $\forall j = \overline{1, n-1}$ .

The demonstration is made by reductio ad absurdum. If  $\exists j_0$ ,  $1 \leq j_0 \leq n-1$ , so that  $(c_{i j_0}, \dots, c_{n j_0}) \sim d_{j_0} \neq \pm 1$ , then  $c_{i j_0} = c'_{i j_0} d_{j_0}$  with  $(c'_{i j_0}, \dots, c'_{n j_0}) \sim 1$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, n}$ .

But  $x_i = c'_{i j_0}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , represents a particular integer solution as  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i c'_{i j_0} = 1/d_{j_0} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_{i j_0} = 0$  (because  $x_i = c_{i j_0}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , is a particular integer solution from the general integer solution by introducing  $k_{j_0} = 1$  and  $k_j = 0$ ,  $j \neq j_0$ ). But the particular integer solution  $x_i = c'_{i j_0}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , cannot be obtained by introducing integer number parameters (as it should) from the general integer solution, as from the linear system of  $n$  equations and  $n-1$  unknowns, which is compatible. We obtain:



$$x_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq j_0}}^n c_{ij} k_j + c'_{i j_0} d_{j_0} k_{j_0} = c'_{i j_0}, i = \overline{1, n}.$$

Leaving aside the last equation--which is a linear combination of the other  $n-1$  equations--a Kramerian system is obtained. It follows:

$$k_{j_0} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_{11} \dots c'_{i j_0} \dots c_{1, n-1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1, 1} \dots c_{n-1, j_0} \dots c_{n-1, n-1} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} c_{11} \dots c'_{i j_0} d_{j_0} \dots c_{1, n-1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1, 1} \dots c'_{i j_0} d_{j_0} \dots c_{n-1, n-1} \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{1}{d_{j_0}} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

The assumption is false [End of the demonstration.]

**Theorem 5.** Considering the equation (1) with  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \sim 1$ ,  $b = 0$  and the general integer solution

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j, \quad i = \overline{1, n}, \quad \text{then } (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \sim$$

$(c_{i1}, \dots, c_{in-1}), \forall i = \overline{1, n}$ . The demonstration is made by double divisibility. Let  $i_0, 1 \leq i_0 \leq n$  be arbitrary but fixed.

$$x_{i_0} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{i_0 j} k_j. \quad \text{Consider the equation } \sum_{i \neq i_0} a_i x_i = -a_{i_0} x_{i_0}. \quad \text{We}$$

have shown that  $x_i = c_{ij}, i = \overline{1, n}$  is a particular integer solution irrespective of  $j, a \leq j \leq n-1$ . The equation  $\sum_{i \neq i_0} a_i x_i = -a_{i_0} c_{i_0 j}$

obviously, has the integer solution  $x_i = c_{ij}, i \neq i_0$ . Then  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i_0-1}, a_{i_0+1}, \dots, a_n)$  divides  $-a_{i_0} c_{i_0 j}$  as we have assumed that it follows that  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \sim 1$ , it follows that

$(a_1, \dots, a_{i_0-1}, a_{i_0+1}, \dots, a_n) \mid c_{i_0j}$  irrespective of  $j$ .

Hence  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i_0-1}, a_{i_0+1}, \dots, a_n) \mid (c_{i_01}, \dots, c_{i_0n-1})$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, n}$ , and the divisibility in one sense was proven.

Inverse Divisibility:

Let us suppose the contrary and say that  $\exists i_1 \in \overline{1, n}$  for which  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i_1-1}, a_{i_1+1}, \dots, a_n) \sim d_{i_11} \neq d_{i_12} \sim (c_{i_11}, \dots, c_{i_1n-1})$ ; we have considered  $d_{i_11}$  and  $d_{i_12}$  without restricting the generality.  $d_{i_11} \mid d_{i_12}$  according to the first part of the demonstration. Hence,  $\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $d_{i_12} = d \cdot d_{i_11}$ ,  $|d| \neq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i_1} &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{i_1j} k_j = d \cdot d_{i_11} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c'_{i_1j} k_j; \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i \neq i_1}^n a_i x_i = \\ &= -a_{i_1} x_{i_1} \sum_{i \neq i_1} a_i x_i = -a_{i_1} d \cdot d_{i_11} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c'_{i_1j} k_j, \text{ where } (c_{i_11}, \dots, c_{i_1n-1}) \sim 1. \end{aligned}$$

The nonhomogeneous linear equation  $\sum_{i \neq i_1} a_i x_i = -a_{i_1} d_{i_11}$  has the integer solution because  $a_{i_1} d_{i_11}$  is divisible by  $(a_1, \dots, a_{i_1-1}, a_{i_1+1}, \dots, a_n)$ . Let  $x_i = x_i^o$ ,  $i \neq i_1$ , be its particular integer solution. It follows that the equation  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$  the particular solution  $x_i = x_i^o$ ,  $i \neq i_1$ ,  $x_{i_1} = d_{i_11}$ , which is written as (5). We show that (5) cannot be obtained from the general solution by integer number parameters:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j = x_i^o, i \neq i_1 \\ d \cdot d_{i_11} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_{ij} k_j = d_{i_11} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

But equation (6) does not have an integer solution because  $d \cdot d_{i,1} \nmid d_{i,1}$  thus, contradicting, the "general" characteristic of the integer solution.

As a conclusion we can write:

**Theorem 6.** Let the homogenous linear equation be:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0, \text{ with all } a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \text{ and } (a_1, \dots, a_n) \sim 1.$$

Let  $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^h c_{ij} k_j$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  with all  $c_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , all  $k_j$  integer parameters and  $h \in \mathbb{N}$  be a general integer solution of the equation. Then,

1) the solution is undetermined  $n-1$  times

2)  $\forall j = \overline{1, n-1}$  we have  $(c_{1j}, \dots, c_{nj}) \sim 1$ ;

3)  $\forall i = \overline{1, n}$  we have  $(c_{i1}, \dots, c_{in-1}) \sim (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n)$

The proof results from Theorems 1, 4 and 5.

**Note 1.** The only equation of the form (1) is undetermined  $n$  times is the trivial equation  $0 \cdot x_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot x_n = 0$ .

**Note 2.** The converse of theorem 6 is not true.

Counterexample:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -k_1 + k_2 \\ x_2 = 5k_1 + 3k_2 \\ x_3 = 7k_1 - k_2; \end{cases} \quad k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (7)$$

is not the general integer solution of the equation

$$-13x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 = 0 \quad (8)$$

although the solution (7) verifies the points 1), 2) and 3) of theorem 6. (1, 7, 2) is the particular integer solution of (8) but cannot be obtained by introducing integer number parameters in (7) because from

$$\begin{cases} -k_1 + k_2 = 1 \\ 5k_1 + 3k_2 = 7 \\ 7k_1 - k_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

it follows that  $k = 1/2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k = 3/2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$  (unique roots).

### Reference:

- [1] Smarandache, Florentin--Whole number solution of linear equations and systems--diploma paper, 1979, University of Craiova (under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alexandru Dincă).

# AN INTEGER NUMBER ALGORITHM TO SOLVE LINEAR EQUATIONS

An algorithm is given ascertains whether a linear equation has integer number solutions or not; if it does, the general integer solution is determined.

## Input

A linear equation  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$ , with  $a_i, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x_i$  being integer number unknowns,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , and not all  $a_i = 0$ .

## Output

Decision on the integer solution of this equation; and if the equation has solutions in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , its general solution is obtained.

## Method

Step 1. Calculate  $d = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

Step 2. If  $d \mid b$  then "the equation has integer solution"; go on to Step 3. If  $d \nmid b$  then "the equation does not have integer solution"; stop.

Step 3. Consider  $h := 1$ . If  $|d| \neq 1$ , divide the equation by  $d$ ; consider  $a_i := a_i / d$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $b := b / d$ .

Step 4. Calculate  $a = \min_{a_s \neq 0} |a_s|$  and determine an  $i$  so that  $a_i = a$ .

Step 5. If  $a \neq 1$ , go to Step 7.

Step 6. If  $a = 1$ , then:

(A)  $x_i = -(a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{i-1}x_{i-1} + a_{i+1}x_{i+1} + \dots + a_nx_n - b) \cdot a_i$

(B) Substitute the value of  $x_i$  the values of the other determined unknowns.

(C) Substitute integer number parameters for all the variables of the unknown values in the right term:  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-2}$ , and  $k_{n-1}$ , respectively.

(D) Write down the general solution thus determined; stop.

Step 7. Write down all  $a_j$ ,  $j \neq i$  and under the form:

$$a_j = a_i q_j + r_j$$

$$b = a_i q + r \text{ where } q_j = \left[ \frac{a_j}{a_i} \right], q = \left[ \frac{b}{a_i} \right].$$

Step 8. Write  $x_i = -q_1 x_1 - \dots - q_{i-1} x_{i-1} - q_{i+1} x_{i+1} - \dots - q_n x_n + q - t_h$ . Substitute the value of  $x_i$  in the values of the other determined unknowns.

Step 9. Consider

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1 := r_1 \\ : \\ a_i - 1 := r_{i-1} \\ a_{i+1} := r_{i+1} \\ : \\ a_n := r_n \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_i := -a_i \\ b := r \\ x_i := t_h \\ h := h + 1 \end{array} \right.$$

and go back to Step 4.

**Lemma 1.** The previous algorithm is finite.

*Proof:*

Let the initial linear equation be  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n = b$ , with not all  $a_i = 0$ ; check for  $\min_{a_s \neq 0} |a_s| = a_1 \neq 1$  (if not, it is renumbered). Following the algorithm, once we pass from this initial equation to a new equation:  $a'_1 t_1 + a'_2 x_2 + \dots + a'_n x_n = b'$ , with  $|a'_1| < |a_1|$  for  $i = \overline{2, n}$ ,  $|b'| < |b|$  and  $a'_1 = -a_1$ .

It follows that  $\min_{a_s \neq 0} |a'_s| < \min_{a_s \neq 1} |a_s|$ . We continue similarly and after a finite number of steps we get, at Step 4,  $a := 1$  (as, every, at this the actual  $a$  is always smaller than the previous  $a$ , according to the Former note) and in this case algorithm terminates.

**Lemma 2.** Let the linear equation be:

$$(25) \quad a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n = b, \text{ with } \min_{a_s \neq 0} |a_s| = a_1 \text{ and the}$$

$$\text{equation: } (26) \quad -a_1 t_1 + r_2 x_2 + \dots + r_n x_n = r, \text{ with } t_1 = -x_1 - q_2 x_2 - \dots - q_n x_n + q, \text{ where } r_i = a_i - a_i q_i, i = \overline{2, n}, r = b - a_1 q$$

$$\text{while } q_i = \left\lfloor \frac{a_i}{a} \right\rfloor, r = \left\lfloor \frac{b}{a} \right\rfloor. \text{ Then } x_1 = x_1^o, x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$$

is a particular solution of equation (25) if and only if  $t_1 = t_1^o = -x_1 - q_2 x_2^o - \dots - q_n x_n^o + q$ ,  $x_2, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$ , is a particular solution of equation (26).

*Proof:*

$x_1 = x_1^o, x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$ , is a particular solution of equation (25)  $\Leftrightarrow a_1 x_1^o + a_2 x_2^o + \dots + a_n x_n^o = b \Leftrightarrow a_1 x_1^o + (r_2 + a_1 q_2) x_2^o + \dots + (r_n + a_1 q_n) x_n^o = a_1 q + r \Leftrightarrow r_2 x_2^o + \dots + r_n x_n^o - a_1 (-x_1^o - q_2 x_2^o - \dots - q_n x_n^o + q) = r \Leftrightarrow -a_1 t_1^o + r_2 x_2^o + \dots + r_n x_n^o = r \Leftrightarrow t_1 = t_1^o, x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$  is a particular solution of equation (26).

**Lemma 3.**  $x_i = c_{i1} k_1 + \dots + c_{in-1} k_{n-1} + d_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ , is the general solution of equation (25) if and only if:

$$(28) \quad t_1 = -(c_{11} + q_2 c_{21} + \dots + q_n c_{n1}) k_1 - \dots - (c_{1n-1} + q_2 c_{2n-1} + \dots + q_n c_{nn-1}) K_n - (d_1 + q_2 d_2 + \dots + q_n d_n) + q, \\ x_j = c_{j1} k_1 + \dots + c_{jn-1} k_{n-1} + d_j, j = \overline{2, n}$$

is a general solution for equation (26).

*Proof:*

$t_1 = t_1^o = -x_1^o - q_2 x_2^o - \dots - q_n x_n^o + q$ ,  $x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$ , is a particular solution of the equation (25)  $\Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_1^o$ ,  $x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$  is a particular solution of equation (26)  $\Leftrightarrow \exists k_1 = k_1^o \in \mathbb{Z}, \dots, k_n = k_n^o \in \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $x_i = c_{i1}k_1^o + \dots + c_{in-1}k_{n-1}^o + d_i = x_i^o$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n} \Leftrightarrow \exists k_1 = k_1^o \in \mathbb{Z}, \dots, k_n = k_n^o \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so that  $x_i = c_{i1}k_1^o + \dots + c_{in-1}k_{n-1}^o + d_i = x_i^o$ ,  $i = \overline{2, n}$ , and  $t_1 = -(c_{11} + q_2 c_{21} + \dots + q_n c_{n1})k_1^o - \dots - (c_{1n-1} + q_2 c_{2n-1} + \dots + q_n c_{nn-1})k_{n-1}^o - (d_1 + q_2 d_2 + \dots + q_n d_n) + q = -x_1^o - q_2 x_2^o - \dots - q_n x_n^o + q = t_1^o$ .

**Lemma 4.** The linear equation

(29)  $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n = b$  with  $|a_1| = 1$  has the general solution:

$$(30) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -(a_2 k_2 + \dots + a_n k_n - b) a_1 \\ x_i = k_i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ i = \overline{2, n} \end{cases}$$

*Proof:*

Let  $x_1 = x_1^o$ ,  $x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$ , be a particular solution of the equation (29).  $\exists k_2 = x_2^o, k_n = x_n^o$ , so that  $x_1 = -(a_2 x_2^o + \dots + a_n x_n^o - b) a_1 = x_1^o$ ,  $x_2 = x_2^o, \dots, x_n = x_n^o$ .

**Lemma 5.** Let the linear equation be  $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n = b$ , with  $\min_{a_s \neq 0} |a_s| = a_1$  and  $a_i = a_1 q_i$ ,  $i = \overline{2, n}$ .

Then, the general solution of the equation is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -(q_2 k_2 + \dots + q_n k_n - q) \\ x_i = k_i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ i = \overline{2, n} \end{cases}$$



*Proof:*

Dividing the equation by  $a_1$  the conditions of Lemma 4 are met.

**Theorem of Correctness.** The preceding algorithm correctly calculates the general solution of the linear equation  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$ , with not all  $a_i = 0$ .

*Proof:*

The algorithm is finite according to Lemma 1. The correctness of steps 1, 2, and 3 is obvious. At step 4 there is always  $\min_{a_s \neq 0} |a_s|$  as not all  $a_i = 0$ . The correctness of substep

6 A) results from Lemma 4 and 5, respectively. This algorithm represents a method of obtaining the general solution of the initial equation by means of the general solutions of the linear equation obtained after the algorithm was followed several times (according to Lemmas 2 and 3); from Lemma 3, it follows that to obtain the general solution of an initial linear equation is equivalent to calculate the general solution of an equation at step 6 A), equation whose general solution is given in algorithm (according to Lemmas 4 and 5). The theorem of correctness has been fully proven.

Note. At step 4 of the algorithm we consider  $a := \min_{a_s \neq 0} |a_s|$

so that the number of iterations is as small as possible. The algorithm works if we consider  $a := |a_i| \neq \max_{s=1, n} |a_s|$  but it takes

longer. The algorithm can be introduced into a computer program.

### Application

Calculate the integer solution of the equation:

$$6x_1 - 12x_2 - 8x_3 + 22x_4 = 14.$$

### Solution

The former algorithm is applied.

1.  $(6, -12, -8, 22) = 2$

2.  $2 \mid 14$  so that the solution of the equation is in  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

3.  $h := 1; \mid 2 \nmid 1$ ; dividing the equation by 2 we get:

$$3x_1 = 6x_2 - 4x_3 + 11x_4 = 7$$

4.  $a := \min\{|3|, |-6|, |-4|, |11|\} = 3, i = 1$

5.  $a \neq 1$

7.  $-6 = 3 \cdot (-2) + 0$

$$-4 = 3 \cdot (-2) + 2$$

$$11 = 3 \cdot 3 + 2$$

$$7 = 3 \cdot 2 + 1$$

8.  $x_1 = 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 + 2 - t_1$

9.  $a_2 := 0 \quad a_1 := -3$

$$a_3 := 2 \quad b := 1$$

$$a_4 := 2 \quad x_1 := t_1$$

$$h := 2$$

4. We have a new equation:

$$-3t_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 1$$

$$a := \min\{|-3|, |2|, |2|\} \text{ and}$$

$$i = 3$$

5.  $a \neq 1$

7.  $-3 = 2 \cdot (-2) + 1$

$$0 = 2 \cdot 0 + 0$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 0$$

8.  $x_3 = 2t_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 - x_4 + 0 - t_2$ . Substituting the value of  $x_3$  in the value determined for  $x_1$  we get:

$$x_1 = 2x_2 - 5x_4 + 3t_1 - 2t_2 + 2$$

9.  $a_1 := 1 \quad a_3 := -2$

$$a_2 := 0 \quad b := 1$$

$$a_4 := 0 \quad x_3 := t_2$$

$$h := 3$$

4. We have obtained the equation:

$$1 \cdot t_2 + 0x_2 - 2t_2 + 0 \cdot x_4 = 1,$$

$$a = 1, \text{ and}$$

$$i = 1$$

6. (A)  $t_1 = -(0 \cdot x_2 - 2t_2 + 0 \cdot x_4 - 1) \cdot 1 = 2t_2 + 1$

(B) Substituting the value of  $t_1$  in the values of  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  previously determined, we get:

$$x_1 = 2x_2 - 5x_4 + 4t_2 + 5 \text{ and}$$

$$x_3 = -x_4 + 3t_2 + 2$$

(C)  $x_2 := k_1, x_4 := k_2, t_2 = k_3, k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

(D) The general solution of the initial equation is:

$$x_1 = 2k_1 - 5k_2 + 4k_3 + 5$$

$$x_2 = k_1$$

$$x_3 = -k_2 + 3k_3 + 2$$

$$x_4 = k_2$$

$$k_1, k_2, k_3 \text{ are parameters } \in \mathbb{Z}$$

### Reference:

- [1] Smarandache, Florentin, Whole number solution of equations and systems of equations--diploma paper, University of Craiova, 1979.

# ANOTHER INTEGER NUMBER ALGORITHM TO SOLVE LINEAR EQUATIONS (USING CONGRUENCY)

In this section a new integer number algorithm for linear equations is presented. This is more "rapid" than W. Sierpinski's presented in [1] in the sense that it reaches the general solution after a smaller number of iterations. Its correctness will be thoroughly demonstrated.

## INTEGER NUMBER ALGORITHM TO SOLVE LINEAR EQUATIONS

Let us consider the equation (1); (the case  $a_i, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  is reduced to the case (1) by reducing to the same denominator and eliminating the denominators). Let  $d = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . If  $d \nmid b$  then the equation does not have integer solutions, while if  $d \mid b$  the equation has integer solutions (according to a well-known theorem from the theory of numbers).

If the equation has solutions and  $d \neq 1$  we divide the equation by  $d$ . Then  $d = 1$  (we do not make any restriction if we consider the maximal co-divisor positive).

(a) Also, if all  $a_i$  the equation is trivial; it has the general integer solution  $x_i = k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , when  $b = 0$  (the only case when the general integer solution is  $n$  - times undetermined) and does not have solution when  $b \neq 0$ .

(b) If  $\exists i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  so that  $a_i = \pm 1$  then the general integer solution is:

$$x_i = -a_i \left( \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n a_j k_j - b \right) \text{ and } x_s = k_s \in \mathbb{Z}, s \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i\}$$

The proof of this assertion was given in [4]. All these cases are trivial, so we will leave them aside. The following algorithm can be written:

### Input

A linear equation: (2)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = b, \quad a_i, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad a_i \neq \pm 1, \quad i = \overline{1, n}, \quad \text{with not all } a_i = 0$$

and  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ .

### Output

The general solution of the equation

### Method

1.  $h := 1, p := 1$

2. Calculate  $\min_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \left\{ |r|, r \equiv a_i \pmod{a_j}, r \neq 0, |r| < |a_j| \right\}$  and

determine  $r$  and the pair  $(i, j)$  for which this minimum can be obtained (when there are more possibilities we have to choose one of them).

3. If  $|r| \neq 1$  go on to step 4.

If  $|r| = 1$ , then

$$\begin{cases} x_i := r(-a_j t_h - \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i, j\}}}^n a_s x_s + b) \\ x_j := r(a_i t_h + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} \cdot \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i, j\}}}^n a_s x_s + \frac{r - a_i}{a_j} b) \end{cases}$$

(A) Substitute the values thus determined of these unknowns in all the statements  $(p)$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \dots$  (if possible).

(B) From the last relation  $(p)$  obtained in the algorithm substitute in all relations:

$(\bar{p} - 1), (\bar{p} - 2), \dots, (1)$

(C) Every statement, starting in order from  $(\bar{p} - 1)$  should be applied the same procedure as in (B): then  $(\bar{p} - 2), \dots, (3)$  respectively.

(D) Write the values of the unknowns  $x_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ , from the initial equation (writing the corresponding integer number parameters from the right term of these unknowns with  $k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}$ ), STOP.

4. Write the statement  $(p)$ :

$$x_j = t_h - \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i$$

5. Assign  $x_j := t_h$                        $h := h + 1$

$a_i := r$                                    $p := p + 1$

The other coefficients and variables remain unchanged  
go back to step 2.

### The Correctness of the Algorithm

Let us consider linear equation (2). Under these conditions, the following properties exist:

**Lemma 1.** The set  $M = \{ |r|, r \equiv a_i \pmod{a_j}, 0 < |r| < |a_j| \}$  has a minimum.

*Proof:*

Obviously  $M \subset N^*$  and  $M$  is finite because the equation has a finite number of coefficients:  $n$ , and considering all the possible combinations of these, by twos, there is the maximum  $AR_n^2$  (arranged with repetition)  $= n^2$  elements.

Let us show, by reductio ad absurdum, that  $M \neq \emptyset$ .

$M = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{a_j} \forall i, j \in \overline{1, n}$ . Hence  $a_j \equiv 0 \pmod{a_i} \forall i, j \in \overline{1, n}$ . Or this is possible only when

$|a_i| = |a_j|$ ,  $\forall i, j \in \overline{1, n}$ , which is equivalent to  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_i$ ,  $\forall i \in \overline{1, n}$ . But  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$  as the hypothesis is a restriction from the assumption. It follows that  $|a_i| = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $\forall i \in \overline{1, n}$  a fact which contradicts the other restrictions of the assumption.

$M \neq 0$  and finite, it follows that  $M$  has a minimum.

**Lemma 2.** If  $|r| = \min_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} M$ , then  $|r| < |a_i|$ ,  $\forall i \in \overline{1, n}$ .

*Proof:*

We assume, conversely, that  $\exists i_0, 1 \leq i_0 \leq n$  so that  $|r| \geq |a_{i_0}|$ . Then  $|r| \geq \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{|a_j|\} = |a_{j_0}| \neq 1, 1 \leq j_0 \leq n$ . Let  $a_{p_0}, 1 \leq p_0 \leq n$ , so that  $|a_{p_0}| > |a_{j_0}|$  and  $a_{p_0}$  is not divided by  $a_{j_0}^o$ . There is a coefficient in the equation,  $|a_{j_0}|$  which is the minimum and the coefficients are not equal among themselves (conversely, it would mean that  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_1 = \pm 1$  which is against the hypothesis and, again, of the coefficients whose absolute value is greater than  $|a_{i_0}|$  not all can be divided by  $a_{j_0}$  (conversely, it would similarly result in  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_{j_0} \neq \pm 1$ ). We write  $[a_{p_0} / a_{j_0}] = q_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  (integer portion), and  $r = a_{p_0} - q_0 a_{j_0} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We have  $a_{p_0} \equiv r \pmod{a_{j_0}}$  and  $0 < |r_0| < |a_{j_0}| < |a_{i_0}| \leq |r|$ . Thus, we have found a  $r_0$  which  $|r_0| < |r|$  contradicts the definition of minimum given to  $|r|$ .

Thus,  $|r| < |a_i|$ ,  $\forall i \in \overline{1, n}$ .

**Lemma 3.** If  $|r| = \min M = 1$  for the pair of indices  $(i, j)$ , then:

$$\begin{cases} x_i = r(-a_j t_h - \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i,j\}}}^n a_s k_s + b) \\ x_j = r(a_i t_h + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i,j\}}}^n a_s k_s + \frac{r - a_i}{a_j} b) \\ x_s = k_s \in \mathbf{Z}, s \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i, j\} \end{cases}$$

is the general integer solution of equation (2).

*Proof:*

Let  $x_e = x_e^o$ ,  $e = \overline{1, n}$ , be a particular integer solution of equation (2). Then  $\exists k_s = x_s^o \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $s \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i, j\}$  and  $t_h = x_j^o + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i^o \in \mathbf{Z}$  (because  $a_i - r = Ma_j$ ) so that:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= r - a_j(x_j^o + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i^o) - \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i,j\}}}^n a_s x_s^o + b = x_i^o \\ x_j &= r - a_j(x_j^o + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i^o) + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} - \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i,j\}}}^n a_s x_s^o + \frac{r - a_i}{a_j} b = x_i^o \end{aligned}$$

and  $x_s = k_s = x_s^o$ ,  $s \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{i, j\}$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let  $|r| \neq$  and  $(i, j)$  be the pair of indices for which this minimum can be obtained. Again, let the system of linear equations be:

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} a_j t_h + r x_i + \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \notin \{i,j\}}}^n a_s k_s = b \\ t_h = x_j + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i \end{cases}$$



Then,  $x_e = x_e^o$ ,  $e = \overline{1, n}$  is a particular integer solution for (2) if and only if  $x_e = x_e^o$ ,  $e \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{j\}$  and  $t_h = t_h^o = x_j^o + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i$  is the particular integer solution of (3).

*Proof:*

$x_e = x_e^o$ ,  $e = \overline{1, n}$  is a particular integer solution for (2)

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{e=1}^n a_e x_e^o = b \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \neq \{i, j\}}}^n a_s x_s^o + a_j \left( x_j^o + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i^o \right) + r x_i^o = b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_j t_h^o + r x_i^o + \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \neq \{i, j\}}}^n a_s x_s^o = b \text{ and } t_h^o = x_j^o + \frac{a_i - r}{a_j} x_i^o \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_e = x_e^o, e \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{j\}$$

and  $t_h = t_h^o$  is a particular integer solution for (3).

**Lemma 5.** The former algorithm is finite.

*Proof:*

When  $|r| = 1$  the algorithm stops at step 3. We will discuss the case when  $|r| \neq 1$ . According to the definition of  $r$ ,  $|r| \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . We show that the row of  $r - s$  successively obtained by following the algorithm several times is decreasing with cycle, and each cycle is not equal to the previous, to 1. Let  $r_1$  be the first obtained by following the algorithm one time.  $|r_1| \neq 1$  go on to steps 4 and, then 5. According to lemma 2  $|r_1| < |a_i|$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, n}$ . Now we shall follow the algorithm a second time, but this time for an equation in which  $r_1$  (according to step 5) is substituted for  $a_i$ . Again, according to lemma 2, the new  $|r|$  written  $|r_2|$  will have the propriety:  $|r_2| < |r_1|$ . We will get to

$|r| = 1$  because  $|r| \geq 1$  and  $|r| < \infty$ , and if  $|r| \neq 1$ , following the algorithm once again we get  $|r| < |r_1|$  a.s.o. Hence, the algorithm has a finite number of repetitions.

**Theorem of Correctness.** The former algorithm calculates the general integer solution of the linear equation correctly (2).

*Proof:*

According to lemma 5 the algorithm is finite. From lemma 1 it follows that the set  $M$  has a minimum, hence step 2 of the algorithm has meaning. When  $|r| = 1$  it was shown in lemma 3 that step 3 of the algorithm calculates the general integer solution of the respective equation correctly (the equation that appears at step 3). In lemma 4 it is shown that if  $|r| \neq 1$  the substitutions steps 4 and 5 introduced in the initial equation, the general integer solution remains unchanged. That is, we pass from the initial equation to a linear system having the same general solution as the initial equation. The variable  $h$  is a counter of the newly introduced variables which are used to successively decompose the system in systems of two linear equations. The variable  $p$  is a counter of the substitutions of variables (the relations, at a given moment, between certain variables).

When the initial equation was decomposed to  $|r| = 1$ , we have to proceed in the reverse way: i.e., to compose its general integer solution. This reverse way is directed by the substeps 3(A), 3(B) and 3(C). The substep 3(D) has only an aesthetic role, i.e., to have the general solution under the form:  $x_i = f_i(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1})$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $f_i$  being linear functions with integer number coefficients. This "if possible" shows that substitutions are not always possible. But when they are we must make all possible substitutions.

**Note 1.** The former algorithm can be easily introduced into a computer program.

**Note 2.** The former algorithm is more "rapid" than that of W. Sierpinski's 1, i.e., the general integer solution is reached after a smaller number of iterations (or, at least, the same) for any linear equation (2). In the first place, both aim at obtaining the coefficient  $\pm 1$  for at least one unknown variable. While Sierpinski started only by chance, decomposing the greatest coefficient in the module (writing it under the form of a sum between a multiple of the following smaller coefficient (in the module) and the rest), in our algorithm this decomposition is not accidental but always seeks the smallest  $|h|$  and also chooses the coefficients  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  for which this minimum is achieved. That is, we test from the beginning the shortest way to the general integer solution. Sierpinski does not attempt to find the shortest way; he knows that his will take him to the general integer solution of the equation and is not interested in how long it will take. However, when an algorithm is introduced into a computer, program it is preferable that the process time should be as short as possible

### Example 1

Let us solve in  $\mathbf{Z}^3$  the equation:  $17x - 7y + 10z = -12$   
 ... We apply the former algorithm.

1.  $h = 1, p = 1$
2.  $r = 3, i = 3, j = 2$
3.  $|\beta| \neq 1$  go on to step 4.
4. (1)

$$y = t_1 - \frac{10-3}{-7} \cdot z = t_1 + z$$

5. Assign  $y := t_1$                        $h := 2$   
                   $a_3 := 3$                        $p := 2$

with the other coefficients and variables remaining unchanged, go back to step 2.

2.  $r = -1, i = 1, j = 3$

3.  $|-1| = 1$

$$x = -1(-3t_2 - (-7t_1) - 12) = 3t_2 - 7t_1 - 12$$

$$z = -1(17t_2 + (-7t_1) \cdot \frac{17 - (-1)}{3} + \frac{-1 - 17}{3}(-12)) =$$

$$= -17t_2 + 42t_1 - 72$$

(A) We substitute the values of  $x$  and  $z$  thus determined into the only statement ( $p$ ) we have:

$$(1) y = t_1 + z = -17t_2 + 43t_1 - 72$$

(B) The substitution is not possible.

(C) The substitution is not possible.

(D) The general integer solution of the equation is:

$$\begin{cases} x = 3k_1 - 7k_2 + 12 \\ y = -17k_1 + 43k_2 - 72 \\ z = -17k_1 + 42k_2 - 72; \end{cases} \quad k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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# INTEGER NUMBER SOLUTIONS OF LINEAR SYSTEMS

## Definitions and Properties of the Integer Solution of a Linear System

$$\text{Let } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j = b_i, i = \overline{1, m} \quad (1)$$

a linear system with all coefficients being integer numbers (the case with rational coefficients is reduced to the same).

**Definition 1.**  $x_j = x_j^o, j = \overline{1, n}$  is a particular integer solution of (1) if  $x_j^o \in \mathbf{Z}, j = \overline{1, n}$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j^o = b_i, i = \overline{1, m}$ .

Let the functions be  $f_j: \mathbf{Z}^h \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}, j = \overline{1, n}$  where  $h \in \mathbf{N}^*$ .

**Definition 2.**  $x_j = f_j(k_1, \dots, k_h), j = \overline{1, n}$  is the general integer solution for (1) if:

(a)  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}f_j(k_1, \dots, k_h) = b_i, i = \overline{1, m}$ , irrespective of  $(k_1, \dots, k_h) \in \mathbf{Z}$  ;

(b) Irrespective of  $x_j = x_j^o, j = \overline{1, n}$  a particular integer solution of (1), there is  $(k_1^o, \dots, k_h^o) \in \mathbf{Z}$  so that  $f_j(k_1^o, \dots, k_h^o) = x_j^o, j = \overline{1, n}$

(In other words, the general solution is the solution that comprises all the other solutions.)

### Property 1

A general solution of a linear system of  $m$  equations with  $n$

unknowns,  $r(A) = m < n$ , is undetermined  $n - m$  times.

*Proof:*

We assume by reductio ad absurdum that it is of order  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n - m$  (the case  $r = 0$ , i.e., when the solution is particular, is trivial). It follows that the general solution is of the form:

$$(S_1) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = u_{11}p_1 + \dots + u_{1r}p_r + v_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n = u_{n1}p_1 + \dots + u_{nr}p_r + v_n; \quad u_{ih}, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ p_h = \text{parametres} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

We prove that the solution are undetermines  $n - m$  times

The homogenous linear system (1), solved in  $r$  has the solution:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{D_{m+1}^1}{D} x_{m+1} + \dots + \frac{D_n^1}{D} x_n \\ \vdots \\ x_m = \frac{D_{m+1}^m}{D} x_{m+1} + \dots + \frac{D_n^m}{D} x_n \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_i = x_i^0$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , be a particular solution of the linear system (1).

Considering

$$\begin{cases} x_{m+1} = D \cdot k_{m+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = D \cdot k_n \end{cases}$$

we get a solution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = D_{m+1}^1 k_{m+1} + \dots + D_n^1 k_n + x_1^o \\ \vdots \\ x_m = D_{m+1}^m k_{m+1} + \dots + D_n^m k_n + x_m^o \\ x_{m+1} = D \cdot k_{m+1} + x_{m+1}^o \\ \vdots \\ x_n = D \cdot k_n + x_n^o, \quad k_j = \text{parameters} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

which depends on the  $n - m$  independent parameters, for the system (1). Let the solution be undetermined  $n - m$  times:

$$(S_2) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11} k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m} k_{n-m} + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1} k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m} k_{n-m} + d_n \\ c_{ij}, d_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k_j = \text{parameters} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

(There are such solutions, we have proven it before.) Let the system be:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11} x_1 + \dots + a_{1n} x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} x_1 + \dots + a_{mn} x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

$x_i = \text{unknowns} \in \mathbb{Z}, a_{ij}, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

I. The case  $b_i = 0, i = \overline{1, m}$  results in a homogenous linear system:

$$a_{i1} x_1 + \dots + a_{in} x_n = 0, \quad i = \overline{1, m}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (S_2) \Rightarrow & a_{i1}(c_{11} k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m} k_{n-m} + d_1) + \dots + \\ & + a_{in}(c_{n1} k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m} k_{n-m} + d_n) = 0 \\ 0 = & (a_{i1} c_{11} + \dots + a_{in} c_{n1}) k_1 + \dots + (a_{i1} c_{1n-m} + \dots + \\ & + a_{in} c_{nn-m}) \cdot k_{n-m} + (a_{i1} d_1 + \dots + a_{in} d_n), \quad \forall k_j \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

For  $k_1 = \dots = k_{n-m} = 0 \Rightarrow a_{i1} d_1 + \dots + a_{in} d_n = 0$ .

For  $k_1 = \dots = k_{h-1} = k_{h+1} = \dots = k_{n-m} = 0$  and  $k_h = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{i1}c_{ih} + \dots + a_{in}c_{nh}) + (a_{i1}d_1 + \dots + a_{in}d_d^{(n)}) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ a_{i1}c_{1h} + \dots + a_{in}c_{nh} = 0, \forall i = \overline{1, m}, \forall h = \overline{1, n-m}.$$

$$\text{Vect. } V_h = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1h} \\ \vdots \\ c_{nh} \end{pmatrix}, h = \overline{1, n-m} \text{ are the particular solutions of}$$

the system.

$V_h, h = \overline{1, n-m}$  also linearly independent because the solution is undetermined  $n-m$  times  $\{V_1, \dots, V_{n-m}\} + d$  is a linear variety that includes the solutions of the system obtained

$$\text{from } (S_2) \text{ Similarly, for } (S_1) \text{ we deduce that } U_s = \begin{pmatrix} U_{1s} \\ \vdots \\ U_{ns} \end{pmatrix},$$

$s = \overline{1, r}$  are particular solutions of the given system and are linearly independent, because  $(S_1)$  is undetermined times, and

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ \vdots \\ V_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a solution of the given system.}$$

**The case (a)**  $U_1, \dots, U_r, V$  = linearly dependent, it follows that  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\}$  is a free submodule of order  $r < n-m$  of solutions of the given system, then, it follows that there are solutions that belong to  $\{V_1, \dots, V_{n-m}\} + d$  and which do not belong to  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\}$ , a fact which contradicts the assumption that  $(S_1)$  is the general solution.

**The case (b).**  $U_1, \dots, U_r, V$  = linearly independent.

$\{U_1, \dots, U_r\} + V$  is a linear variety that comprises the solutions of the given system, which were obtained from  $(S_1)$  It follows



that the solution belongs  $\{V_1, \dots, V_{n-m}\} + d$  and does not belong to  $\{U_1, \dots, U_r\} + V$ , a fact which is a contradiction to the assumption that  $(S_1)$  is the general solution.

II. When there is an  $i \in \overline{1, m}$ , with  $b_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  nonhomogeneous linear system

$$a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n = b_i, \quad i = \overline{1, m}$$

$$(S_2) \Rightarrow a_{i1}(c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} + d_1) + \dots + \\ + a_{in}(c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} + d_n) = b_i$$

it follows that

$$\Rightarrow (a_{i1}c_{11} + \dots + a_{in}c_{n1})k_1 + \dots + (a_{i1}c_{1n-m} + \dots + a_{in}c_{nn-m})k_{n-m} + \\ + (a_{i1}d_1 + \dots + a_{in}d_n) = b_i$$

for  $k_1 = \dots = k_{n-m} = 0 \Rightarrow a_{i1}d_1 + \dots + a_{in}d_n = b_i$ ;

for  $k_1 = \dots = k_{j-1} = k_{j+1} = \dots = k_{n-m} = 0$  and  $k_j = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{i1}c_{1j} + \dots + a_{in}c_{nj}) + (a_{i1}d_1 + \dots + a_{in}d_n) = b_i \quad \text{it follows}$$

that

$$\begin{cases} a_{i1}c_{1j} + \dots + a_{in}c_{nj} = 0 \\ a_{i1}d_1 + \dots + a_{in}d_n = b_i \end{cases}; \quad \forall i = \overline{1, m}, \quad \forall j = \overline{1, n-m}$$

$$V_j = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ c_{nj} \end{pmatrix}, \quad j = \overline{1, n-m}, \quad \text{are linearly independent because}$$

the solution  $(S_2)$  is undetermined  $n - m$  times.

$$?! \quad V_j, \quad j = \overline{1, n-m}, \quad \text{and} \quad d = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{are linearly independent.}$$

We assume that they are not linearly independent. It follows that

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"?!" means "to prove that"

$$d = s_1 V_1 + \dots + s_{n-m} V_{n-m} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 c_{11} + \dots + s_{n-m} c_{1n-m} \\ \vdots \\ s_1 c_{n1} + \dots + s_{n-m} c_{nn-m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Irrespective of  $i = \overline{1, m}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= a_{i1}d_1 + \dots + a_{in}d_n = a_{i1}(s_1 c_{11} + \dots + s_{n-m} c_{1n-m}) + \\ &+ \dots + a_{in}(s_1 c_{n1} + \dots + s_{n-m} c_{nn-m}) = (a_{i1}c_{11} + \dots + \\ &+ a_{in}c_{n1})s_1 + \dots + (a_{i1}c_{1n-m} + \dots + a_{in}c_{nn-m})s_{n-m} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $b_i = 0$ , irrespective of  $i = \overline{1, m}$ , contradicts the hypothesis (that there is an  $i \in \overline{1, m}$ ,  $b_i \neq 0$ ). It follows that  $V_1, \dots, V_{n-m}$ ,  $d$  are linearly independent.

$\{V_1, \dots, V_{n-m}\} + d$  is a linear variety that contains the solutions of the nonhomogeneous system, solutions obtained from  $(S_2)$ . Similarly it follows that  $\{G_1, \dots, G_r\} + V$  is a linear variety containing the solutions of the nonhomogeneous system, obtained from  $(S_1)$ .

$n - m > r$  it follows that there are solutions of the system that belong to  $(\{V_1, \dots, V_{n-m}\} + d)$  and which do not belong to  $\{G_1, \dots, G_r\} + V$  this contradicts the fact that  $(S_1)$  is the general solution). Then, it shows that the general solution depends on the  $n - m$  independent parameters.

**Theorem 1.** The general solution of a nonhomogeneous linear system is equal to the general solution of an associated linear system plus a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous system.

*Proof:*

Let the homogeneous linear solution:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0 \end{cases}, (AX = 0)$$

with the general solution:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} + d_n \end{cases},$$

and  $\begin{cases} x_1 = x_1^o \\ \vdots \\ x_n = x_n^o \end{cases}$  with the general solution:

a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous linear system  $AX = b$ ;

$$?! \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} + d + x_1^o \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} + d_n + x_n^o \end{cases}$$

is a solution of the nonhomogeneous linear system.

We have written

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}, 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(vector of dimension  $m$ ),

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ \vdots \\ k_{n-m} \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} \dots c_{1n-m} \\ \vdots \\ c_{n1} \dots c_{nn-m} \end{pmatrix}, d = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix}, x^o = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^o \\ \vdots \\ x_n^o \end{pmatrix};$$

$$AX = A(Ck + d + x^o) = A(Ck + d) + AX^o = b + 0 = b$$

We will prove that irrespective of  $x_1 = y_1^o$

:

$$x_n = y_n^o$$

there is a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous system

$$\begin{cases} k_1 = k_1^o \in \mathbb{Z} \\ : \\ k_{n-m} = k_{n-m}^o \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}, \text{ with the property:}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1^o + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m}^o + d_1 + x_1^o = y_1^o \\ : \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1^o + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m}^o + d_n + x_n^o = y_n^o \end{cases}$$

We write  $Y^o = \begin{pmatrix} y_1^o \\ : \\ y_n^o \end{pmatrix}$

We demonstrate that those  $k_j^o \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$  are those for which  $A(CX^o + d) = 0$  (there are such  $X_j^o \in \mathbb{Z}$  because

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ : \\ x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

is a particular solution of the homogenous linear system and  $X = CK + d$  is a general solution of the nonhomogeneous linear system)  $A(CK^o + d + X^o - Y^o) = A(CK^o + d) + AX^o - AY^o = 0 + b - b = 0$ .

**Property 2.** The general solution of homogenous linear system can be written under the form:

(SG)

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} \\ : \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} \end{cases}$$

$k_j = a$  parameter belonging to  $\mathbb{Z}$  (with  $d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_n = 0$ ).

*Proof:*

(SG) = general solution. It results that (SG) is undetermined  $(n - m)$  times.

Let (SG) be of the form

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}p_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}p_{n-m} + d_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}p_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}p_{n-m} + d_n \end{cases}$$

with not all  $d_i = 0$ ; we demonstrate that it can be written under the form (2); the system has the trivial solution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = 0 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases};$$

it results that there are  $p_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$ ,

$$(4) \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}p_1^o + \dots + c_{1n-m}p_{n-m}^o + d_1 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}p_1^o + \dots + c_{nn-m}p_{n-m}^o + d_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Substituting  $p_j = k_j + p_j^o$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$ , in (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{matrix} k_j \in \mathbb{Z} \\ p_j^o \in \mathbb{Z} \end{matrix} \right\} &\Rightarrow p_j \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \left. \begin{matrix} p_j \in \mathbb{Z} \\ p_j^o \in \mathbb{Z} \end{matrix} \right\} &\Rightarrow k_j = p_j - p_j^o \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

which means that they do not make any restrictions.

It results that

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} + (c_{11}p_1^o + \dots + c_{1n-m}p_{n-m}^o + d_1) \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} + (c_{n1}p_1^o + \dots + c_{nn-m}p_{n-m}^o + d_n) \end{cases}$$

But  $c_{h1}p_1^o + \dots + c_{hn-m}p_{n-m}^o + d_h = 0$ ,  $h = \overline{1, n}$ , (from (4))

Then the general solution is of the form:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} \end{cases}$$

$k_j = \text{parameters} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$ ; it results that

$$d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_n = 0.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let the homogenous linear system be:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0, \quad r(A) = m \end{cases}$$

$(a_{h1}, \dots, a_{hn}) = 1$ ,  $h = \overline{1, m}$  and the general solution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} \end{cases}$$

then  $(a_{h1}, \dots, a_{hi-1}, a_{hi+1}, \dots, a_{hn}) \setminus (c_{i1}, \dots, c_{in-m})$

irrespective of  $h = \overline{1, m}$  and  $i = \overline{1, n}$ .

*Proof:*

Let some arbitrary be  $h \in \overline{1, m}$  and some arbitrary  $i \in \overline{1, n}$ ;  
 $a_{h1}x_1 + \dots + a_{hi-1}x_{i-1} + a_{hi+1}x_{i+1} + \dots + a_{hn}x_n = a_{hi}x_i$ . Because

$(a_{h1}, \dots, a_{hi-1}, a_{hi+1}, \dots, a_{hn}) \setminus a_{hi}$  it results that

$d = (a_{h1}, \dots, a_{hi-1}, a_{hi+1}, \dots, a_{hn}) \setminus x_i$  irrespective of the value of  $x_i$   
 in the vector of particular solutions; for  $k_2 = k_3 = \dots = k_{n-m} = 0$   
 and  $k_1 = 1$  we get the particular solution:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11} \\ \vdots \\ x_i = c_{i1} \Rightarrow d \mid c_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1} \end{cases}$$

For  $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_{n-m-1} = 0$  and  $k_{n-m} = 1$  the following particular solution results:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c_{1n-m} \\ \vdots \\ x_i = c_{in-m} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{nn-m} \end{cases}$$

it results that  $d \mid c_{in-m}$ ; hence  $d \mid c_{ij}, \quad j = \overline{1, n-m} \Rightarrow d \mid (c_{i1}, \dots, c_{in-m})$ .

### Theorem 3.

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} \end{cases}$$

$k_j = \text{parameters} \in \mathbf{Z}, c_{ij} \in \mathbf{Z}$  being given,

is the general solution of the homogenous linear system

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0, \quad r(A) = m < n \end{cases}$$

then  $(c_{1j}, \dots, c_{nj}) = 1, \quad \forall \quad j = \overline{1, n-m}$ .

*Proof:*

We assume, by reductio ad absurdum, that there is

$j_o \in \overline{1, n-m} : (c_{1j_o}, \dots, c_{nj_o}) = d$  we consider the maximal co-divisor  $> 0$ ; we reduce the case when the maximal co-divisor is  $-d$  to the case when it is equal to  $d$  (nonrestrictive hypothesis); then the general solution can be written under the form:

$$(5) \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c'_{1j_o} dk_{j_o} + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c'_{nj_o} dk_{j_o} + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} \end{cases}$$

where  $d = (c_{1j_o}, \dots, c_{nj_o})$ ,  $c_{ij_o} = d \cdot c'_{ij_o}$  and  $(c'_{1j_o}, \dots, c'_{nj_o}) = 1$ .

We demonstrate that

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c'_{1j_o} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c'_{nj_o} \end{cases}$$

is a particular solution of the homogenous linear system.

We write

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c'_{1j_o} & d & \dots & c_{1n-m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & \dots & c_{nj_o} & d & \dots & c_{nn-m} \end{pmatrix}, k = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ \vdots \\ k_{j_o} \\ \vdots \\ k_{n-m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$x = c \cdot k$  the general solution.

$$\text{We know } AX = 0 \Rightarrow A(CK) = 0, A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

We assume that the principal variables are  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  (if not, we have to renumber). It follows that  $x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$  is the secondary variables.

For  $k_1 = \dots = k_{j_o-1} = k_{j_o+1} = \dots = k_{n-m} = 0$  and  $k_{j_o} = 1$  we get a particular solution of the system



$$\begin{cases} x_1 = c'_{1j_o} d \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c'_{nj_o} d \end{cases} \Rightarrow 0 = A \begin{pmatrix} c'_{1j_o} d \\ \vdots \\ c'_{nj_o} d \end{pmatrix} = d \cdot A \begin{pmatrix} c'_{1j_o} \\ \vdots \\ c'_{nj_o} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A \begin{pmatrix} c'_{1j_o} \\ \vdots \\ c'_{nj_o} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = c'_{1j_o} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c'_{nj_o} \end{cases}$$

is the particular solution of the system.

We demonstrate that this particular solution cannot be obtained by

$$(6) \begin{cases} x_1 = c_{11}k_1 + \dots + c'_{1j_o} dk_{j_o} + \dots + c_{1n-m}k_{n-m} = c'_{1j_o} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c'_{nj_o} dk_{j_o} + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} = c'_{nj_o} \end{cases}$$

$$(7) \begin{cases} x_{m+1} = c_{m+1,1}k_1 + \dots + c'_{m+1,j_o} dk_{j_o} + \dots + c_{m+1,n-m}k_{n-m} = c'_{m+1,j_o} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = c_{n1}k_1 + \dots + c'_{nj_o} dk_{j_o} + \dots + c_{nn-m}k_{n-m} = c'_{nj_o} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{j_o} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_{m+1,1} & \dots & c_{m+1,j} & \dots & c_{m+1,n-m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & o. \\ c_{h1} & \dots & c_{nj} & \dots & c_{n,n-m} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} c_{m+1,1} & \dots & c'_{m+1,j_o} d & \dots & c_{m+1,n-m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & o. \\ c_{h1} & \dots & c'_{nj} d & \dots & c_{n,n-m} \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{1}{d} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

(because  $d \neq 1$ ).

It is important to out the fact that those  $k_j = k_j^o$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$ , that satisfy system (7) also satisfy system (6), because, otherwise (6) would not satisfy the definition of the

solution of a linear system of equations (i.e., considering system (7) the hypothesis was not restrictive). From  $X_{j_0} \in \mathbb{Z}$  follows that (6) is not the general solution of the homogenous linear system contrary to the hypothesis); then  $(c_{1j}, \dots, c_{nj}) = 1$ , irrespective of  $j \in \overline{1, n-m}$ .

**Propriety 3.** Let the linear system be

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

$a_{ij}, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}, r(A) = m < n, x_j = \text{unknowns} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Solves in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = f_1(x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ x_m = f_m(x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}; x_1, \dots, x_m \text{ are the main variables,}$$

where  $f_i$  are linear functions of the form:

$$f_i = \frac{c_{m+1}^i x_{m+1} + \dots + c_n^i x_n + e_i}{d_i} \quad \text{where } c_{m+j}^i, d_i, e_i \in \mathbb{Z};$$

$i = \overline{1, m}, j = \overline{1, n-m}$ .

If  $\frac{e_i}{d_i} \in \mathbb{Z}$  irrespective of  $i = \overline{1, m}$  then the linear system has

integer solution.

*Proof:*

For  $1 \leq i \leq m, x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $f_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let:

$$\begin{cases} x_{m+1} = u_{m+1}k_{m+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_n = u_nk_n \\ \vdots \\ x_1 = v_{m+1}^1k_{m+1} + \dots + v_n^1k_n + \frac{e_1}{d_1} \\ \vdots \\ x_m = v_{m+1}^mk_{m+1} + \dots + v_n^mk_n + \frac{e_m}{d_m} \end{cases}$$

be a solution, where  $u_{m+1}$  is the maximal co-divisor of the denominators of the fractions  $\frac{c_{m+j}^i}{d_i}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, m}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$  calculated after their complete simplification.

$$v_{m+j}^i = \frac{c_{m+j}^i u_{m+j}}{d_i} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ this is a solution undetermined } n-m$$

times depends on  $n - m$  independent parameters:  $(k_{m+1}, \dots, k_n)$  but is not a general solution.

**Property 4.** Under the conditions of property 3, if there is an  $i_o \in \overline{1, m}$ :  $f_{i_o} = u_{m+1}^{i_o}x_{m+1} + \dots + u_n^{i_o}x_n + \frac{e_{i_o}}{d_{i_o}}$  with  $u_{m+j}^{i_o} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n-m}$ , and  $\frac{e_{i_o}}{d_{i_o}} \notin \mathbb{Z}$  then the system does not have integer solution.

*Proof:*

$\forall x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , it results in  $x_{i_o} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let the linear system be

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{cases}$$

$a_{ij}, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x_j = \text{unknowns} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $r(A) = m < n$ . If there are indices  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n$ ,  $i_h \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $h = \overline{1, m}$ , with the property:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1i_1} & \dots & a_{1i_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{mi_1} & & a_{mi_m} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_{x_{i_1}} = \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{1i_2} & \dots & a_{1i_m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_m & a_{mi_2} & \dots & a_{mi_m} \end{vmatrix} \text{ is divided by } \Delta$$

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$$\Delta_{x_{i_m}} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1i_1} & a_{1i_{m-1}} & \dots & b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{mi_1} & a_{mi_{m-1}} & \dots & b_m \end{vmatrix} \text{ is divided by } \Delta$$

then the system has integer number solutions.

*Proof:*

We use property 3

$$d_i = \Delta, i = \overline{1, m}; e_{i_h} = \Delta_{x_{i_h}}, h = \overline{1, m}.$$

**Note 1.** It is not true in the reverse case

**Consequence 1.** Any homogenous linear system has integer number solutions (besides the trivial one);  $r(A) = m < n$ .

*Proof:*

$\Delta_{x_{ih}} = 0 : \Delta$ , irrespective of  $h = \overline{1, m}$ .

**Consequence 2.** If  $\Delta = \pm 1$ , it follows that the linear system has integer number solutions.

*Proof:*

$\Delta_{x_{ih}} : (\pm 1)$ , irrespective of  $h = \overline{1, m}$ ;

$\Delta_{x_{ih}} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## FIVE INTEGER NUMBER ALGORITHMS TO SOLVE LINEAR SYSTEMS

This chapter further extends the results obtained in 4 and 5 (from linear equation to linear systems). Each algorithm is thoroughly demonstrated and then an example is given.

Five integer number algorithms to solve linear systems are further given.

### Algorithm 1 (method of substitution )

(Although simple, this algorithm requires complex calculus but is, nevertheless, easy to adapt to a computer program).

Some integer number equation are initially solved (which is usually simpler) by means of one of the algorithms 4 or 5. (If there is an equation of the system which does not have integer systems, then the integer system does not have integer systems. Stop.) The general integer solution of the equation will depend on  $n-1$  integer number parameters (see 5):

$(p_1) \quad x_i = f_{i_1}^{(1)}(k_1^{(1)}, \dots, k_{n-1}^{(1)}), \quad i = \overline{1, n},$  where all the functions  $f_{i_1}^{(1)}$  are linear and have integer number coefficients.

This general integer number system  $(p_1)$  is introduced into the other  $m - 1$  equations of the system. We get a new system of  $m - 1$  equations with  $n - 1$  unknown variables:

$k_{i_1}^{(1)}, \quad i_1 = \overline{1, n-1},$  which is also to be solved with integer numbers. The procedure is similar. Solving a new equation, we obtain its general integer solution:

$$(p_2) \quad k_{i_2}^{(1)} = f_{i_2}^{(2)}(k_1^{(2)}, \dots, k_{n-2}^{(2)}), \quad i_2 = \overline{1, n-1},$$

where all the functions  $f_{i_2}^{(2)}$  are linear, with integer number coefficients. (If, along this algorithm we come across an

equation which does not have integer solutions, then, the initial system does not have integer solution. Stop.)

In the case that all the solved equations had integer system at step  $(j)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq r$  ( $r$  being of the same rank as the matrix associated to the system) then:

$$(p_j) \quad k_{i_j}^{(j-1)} = f_{i_j}^{(j)}(k_1^{(j)}, \dots, k_{n-j}^{(j)}), \quad i_j = \overline{1, n-j+1},$$

$f_{i_j}^{(j)}$  are linear functions and have integer number coefficients.

Finally, after  $r$  steps, and if all the solved equations had integer solutions, we get to the integer solution of one equation with  $n-r+1$  unknown variables.

The system will have integer solutions if and only in this last equation has integer solutions. If it does, let the general integer solution of it be:

$$(p_r) \quad k_{i_r}^{(r-1)} = f_{i_r}^{(r)}(k_1^{(r)}, \dots, k_{n-1}^{(r)}), \quad i_r = \overline{1, n-r+1},$$

where all  $f_{i_r}^{(r)}$  are linear functions with integer number coefficients.

Now the reverse procedure follows.

We introduce the values of  $k_{i_r}^{(r-1)}$ ,  $i_r = \overline{1, n-r+1}$ , at step  $p_r$  in the values of  $k_{i_{r-1}}^{(r-2)}$ ,  $i_{r-1} = \overline{1, n-r+2}$  from step  $(p_{r-1})$ .

It follows:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{i_{r-1}}^{(r-2)} &= f_{i_{r-1}}^{(r-1)}(f_1^{(r)}(k_1^{(r)}, \dots, k_{n-r}^{(r)}), \dots, f_{n-r+1}^{(r)}(k_1^{(r)}, \dots, k_{n-r}^{(r)})) = \\ &= g_{i_{r-1}}^{(r-1)}(k_1^{(r)}, \dots, k_{n-r}^{(r)}), \quad i_{r-1} = \overline{1, n-r-1}, \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that  $g_{i_r}^{(r-1)}$  are linear functions with integer number coefficients.

Then follow those from  $(p_{r-2})$  in  $(p_{r-e})$  and so on, until we introduce the values obtained at step  $(p_2)$  in those from the step  $(p_1)$ . It will follow:

$$x_{i_1} = g_i^{(1)}(k_1^{(r)}, \dots, k_{n-r}^{(r)}) \text{ notation } g_{i_1}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-r}), i = \overline{1, n},$$

with all  $g_{i_1}$  most obviously, linear functions with integer number coefficients (the notation was made for simplicity and aesthetical aspects). This is, thus, the general integer solution, of the initial system.

**The correctness of algorithm 1.** The algorithm is finite because it has  $r$  steps on the first way and  $r-1$  steps on the reverse. ( $r < +\infty$ ). Obviously, if one equation of one system does not have (integer number) solutions then the system does not have solutions either.

Writing  $S$  for the initial system and  $S_j$  the system resulted from step  $(p_j)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq r-2$  it follows that passing from  $(p_j)$  to  $(p_{j+1})$  we pass from a system  $S_j$  to a system  $S_{j+1}$  equivalent from the viewpoint of the integer number solution, i.e.,  $k_{i_j}^{(j-1)} = t_{i_j}^0$ ,  $i_j = \overline{1, n-j+1}$ , which is a particular integer solution of the system  $S_j$  if and only  $k_{i_{j+1}}^{(j)} = h_{i_{j+1}}^0$ ,  $i_{j+1} = \overline{1, n-j}$ , is a particular integer solution of the system  $S_{j+1}$  where  $k_{i_{j+1}}^0 = f_{i_{j+1}}^{(j+1)}(t_1^0, \dots, t_{n-j+1}^0)$ ,  $i_{j+1} = \overline{1, n-j}$ . Hence, their general integer solutions are also equivalent (considering these substitutions). So that, in the end, the solving of the initial system  $S$  is equivalent with the solving of the equation (of the system consisting of one equation)  $S_{r-1}$  with integer number coefficients. It follows that the system  $S$  has integer number solution if and only if the systems  $S_j$  have integer number solution,  $1 \leq j \leq r-1$ .

**Example 1.** By means of algorithm 1, let us calculate the integer number solution of the system:



$$(S) \begin{cases} 5x - 7y - 2z + 6w = 6 \\ -4x + 6y - 3z + 11w = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution: We solve the first integer number equation. We obtain the general integer solution (see [4] or [5]):

$$(p_1) \begin{cases} x = t_1 + 2t_2 \\ y = t_1 \\ z = -t_1 + 5t_2 + 3t_3 - 3 \\ w = t_3 \end{cases}$$

where  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Substituting in the second, we get the system:

$$(S_1) \quad 5t_1 - 23t_2 + 2t_3 + 9 = 0$$

Solving this integer equation we obtain its general integer solution:

$$(p_2) \begin{cases} t_1 = k_1 \\ t_2 = k_1 + 2k_2 + 1 \\ t_3 = 9k_1 + 23k_2 + 7 \end{cases}$$

where  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The reverse way. Substituting  $(p_2)$  in  $(p_1)$  we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} x = 3k_1 + 4k_2 + 2 \\ y = k_1 \\ z = 31k_1 + 79k_2 + 23 \\ w = 9k_1 + 23k_2 + 7 \end{cases}$$

where  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  which is the general integer solution of the initial system  $(S)$ . Stop.

## Algorithm 2

### Input

A linear system (1) without all  $a_{ij} = 0$ .

## Output

We decide on the possibility of an integer solution of this system. If it is possible, we obtain its general integer solution.

## Method

1.  $t = 1, h = 1, p = 1$
2. (A) Divide each equation by the largest codivisor of the coefficients of the unknown variables. If you do not get an integer quotient for at least one equation, then the system does not have integer solutions. Stop.  
 (B) If there is an inequality in the system, then the system does not have integer solutions. Stop.  
 (C) If the repetition of more equations occurs, keep one and if an equation is an identity, remove it from the system.
3. If there is  $(i_o, j_o)$  so that  $|a_{i_o j_o}| = 1$  then obtain the value of the variable  $x_{j_o}$  from equation  $i_o$ ; statement  $(T_{i_o})$ . Substitute this statement (where possible) in the other equations of the system and in the statement  $(T_{i-1})$ ,  $(H_h)$  and  $(P_p)$  for all  $i, h$  and  $p$ . Consider  $t := t + 1$ , remove equation  $(i_o)$  from the system. If there is not such a pair, go on to step 5.
4. Does the system (left) have at least one unknown variable? If it does, consider the new data and go on to step 2. If it does not, write the general integer solution of the system substituting  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  for all the variables from the right term of each expression which gives the value of the unknowns of the initial system, Stop.
5. Calculate  $a = \min_{i, j_1, j_2} \left\{ |r|, a_{i j_1} \equiv r \pmod{a_{i j_2}}, 0 < |r| < |a_{i j_2}| \right\}$  and determine the indices  $i, j_1, j_2$  as well as the  $r$  for which

this minimum can be calculated. (If there are more variables, choose one, arbitrarily.)

6. Write:  $x_{j_2} = t_h \frac{a_{i_{j_1}} - r}{a_{i_{j_2}}} x_{i_{j_1}}$ , statement  $(H_h)$ .

Substitute this statement (where possible in all the equations of the system and in the statements  $(T_t)$ ,  $(H_h)$  and  $(P_p)$  for all  $t, h$ , and  $p$ .

7. (A) If  $a \neq 1$ , consider  $x_{j_2} := t_h$ ,  $h := h + 1$ , and go on to step 2.

(B) If  $a=1$ , then obtain the value of  $x_{j_1}$  from the equation  $(i)$ ; statement  $(P_p)$ .

Substitute this statement (where possible in the other equations of the system and in the relations  $(T_t)$ ,  $(H_h)$  and  $(P_{p-1})$  for all  $t, h$ , and  $p$ .

Remove the equation  $(i)$  from the system.

Consider  $h := h + 1$ ,  $p := p + 1$ , and go back to step 4.

**The correctness of algorithm 2.** Let the system (1) be.

**Lemma 1.** We consider the algorithm at step 5. Also, let

$$M = \left\{ |r|, a_{i_{j_1}} = r \pmod{a_{i_{j_2}}}, 0 < |r| < |a_{i_{j_2}}|, i, j_1, j_2 = 1, 2, 3, \dots \right\}.$$

Then  $M \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof:*

Obviously,  $M$  is finite and  $M \subset N^*$ . Then,  $M$  has a minimum if and only if  $M \neq \emptyset$ . We suppose, conversely, that  $M = \emptyset$ . Then  $a_{i_{j_2}} = 0 \pmod{a_{i_{j_1}}}$ ,  $\forall i, j_1, j_2$ . It follows as well that  $a_{i_{j_2}}^* = 0 \pmod{a_{i_{j_1}}}$ ,  $\forall i, j_1, j_2$ . That is  $|a_{i_{j_1}}| = |a_{i_{j_2}}|$ ,  $\forall i, j_1, j_2$ . We consider an  $i_0$  arbitrary but fixed. It is clear that  $(a_{i_0,1}, \dots, a_{i_0,n}) \sim a_{i_0,j} \neq 0$ ,  $\forall j$  (because the algorithm has passed

through the substeps 2(B) and 2(C)). But, as it has also passed through step 3, it follows that  $|a_{i_0j}| \neq 1, \forall j$  but as it previously passed through step 2(A), it would result that  $|a_{i_0j}| = 1, \forall j$ . This contradiction shows that the assumption is false.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $a_{i_0j_1} = r \pmod{a_{i_0j_2}}$  Substitute  $x_{j_2} = t_h - \frac{a_{i_0j_1} - r}{a_{i_0j_2}} x_{j_1}$  in system (A) obtaining system (B), Then,  $x_j = x_j^0, j = \overline{1, n}$  is the particular integer solution of (A) if and only if  $x_j = x_j^0, j \neq j_2$  and  $t_h = x_{j_2}^0 - \frac{a_{i_0j_1} - r}{a_{i_0j_2}}$  is the particular integer solution of (B).

**Lemma 3.** Let  $a_1 \neq$  and  $a_2$  be obtained at step 5.

Then  $0 < a_2 < a_1$

*Proof:*

It is sufficient to show that  $a_1 < |a_{i,j}|, \forall i, j$  because in order to get  $a_2$  step 6 is obligatory, when the coefficients of the new system are calculated,  $a_1$  being equal to a coefficient from the new system (equality of modules), the coefficient on  $(i_0j_1)$ .

Let  $a_{i_0j_0}$  with the property  $|a_{i_0j_0}| \leq a_1$ . Hence,  $a_1 \geq |a_{i_0j}| = \min\{|a_{i_0j}|\}$ . Let  $a_{i_0j_s}$  with  $|a_{i_0j_s}| > |a_{i_0j_m}|$ ; there is such an element because  $|a_{i_0j_m}|$  is the minimum of the coefficients in the module and not all  $|a_{i_0j}|, j = \overline{1, n}$  are equal (conversely, it would result that  $(a_{i_0j}, \dots, a_{i_0n}) \sim a_{i_0j}, \forall j \in \overline{1, n}$ ; the algorithm passed through substep 2(A) has simplified each

equation by the maximal co-divisor of its coefficients: hence, it would follow that  $|a_{i_o j}| = 1, \forall j = \overline{1, n}$ , which, again, cannot be real because the algorithm has also passed through step 3). Of the coefficients  $a_{i_o j_m}$  we choose one with the propriety  $a_{i_o j_{s_o}} \neq M a_{i_o j_m}$  there is such an element (contrary, it would result  $(a_{i_o j}, \dots, a_{i_o n}) \sim |a_{i_o j_m}|$  but the algorithm has also passed through step 2(A) and it would mean that  $|a_{i_o j_m}| = 1$  which contradicts step 3 through which the algorithm has also passed).

Considering  $q_o = [a_{i_o j_{s_o}} / a_{i_o j_m}] \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r = a_{i_o j_{s_o}} - q_o a_{i_o j_m} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $a_{i_o j_{s_o}} \equiv r_o \pmod{a_{i_o j_m}}$  and  $0 < |r_o| < |a_{i_o j_m}| < |a_{i_o j_o}| \leq a_1$ . We have, thus, obtained an  $r_o$  with  $|r_o| < a_1$ , which is in contradiction with the very definition of  $a_1$ . Thus,  $a_1 < |a_{ij}|, \forall i, j$ .

**Lemma 4.** Algorithm 2 is finite.

*Proof:*

The functioning of the algorithm is meant to transform a linear system of  $m$  equations and  $n$  unknowns into one of  $m_1 \times n_1$  with  $m_1 < m$ ,  $n_1 < n$  and, thus, successively into a final linear equation with  $n - r + 1$  unknowns (where  $r$  is the rank of the associated matrix). This equation is solved by means of the same algorithm (which works as [5]). The general integer solution of the system will depend on the  $n - 1$  integer number independent parameters (see [6]--similar proprieties can be established also the general integer solution of the linear system). The reduction of equations occurs at steps 2, 3 and substep 7(B). Steps 2 and 3 are obvious and, hence, trivial; they

can reduce the equations of the system (or even put an end to it) but only under particular conditions. The most important case finds its solution at step 7(B), which always reduces one equation of the system. As the number of equations is finite, we come to solve a single integer number equation. We also have to show that the transfer from one system  $m_i \times n_i$  to another  $m_{i+1} \times n_{i+1}$  is made in a finite interval of time: by steps 5 and 6 permanent substitution of variables are made until we to  $a=1$  (we to  $a=1$  because, according to lemma 3, all  $a$ -s are positive integer numbers and form a strictly decreasing row).

**Theorem of correctness.** Algorithm 2 correctly calculates the general integer solution of the linear system.

*Proof:*

Algorithm 2 is finite according to lemma 4. Steps 2 and 3 are obvious (see also [4], [5]). Their part is to simplify the calculations as much as possible. Step 4 tests the finality of the algorithm; the substitution with the parameters  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  has systemization and aesthetic reasons. The variables  $t, h, p$  are counter variables (started at step 1) and they are meant to count the statement of the type  $T, H, P$  (numbering required by the substitutions at steps 3, 6 and substep 7(B));  $h$  also counts the new (auxiliary) variables introduced in the moment of decomposition of the system. The substitution from step 6 does not affect the general integer solution of the system (it follows from lemma 2). Lemma 1 shows that at step 5 there is always  $a$ , because  $\emptyset \neq M \subset N^*$ .

The algorithm performs the transformation of a system  $m_i \times n_i$  into another,  $a_{i+1} \times n_{i+1}$ , equivalent to it, preserving the general solution (taking into account, however, the substitutions) (see also lemma 2).

**Example 2.** Calculate the integer solution of:

$$\begin{cases} -12x - 7y + 9z = 12 \\ \quad -5y + 8z + 10w = 0 \\ \quad \quad 0z + 0w = 0 \\ 15x \quad + 21z + 69w = 3 \end{cases}$$

*Solution:*

We apply algorithm 2 (we purposely looked for an example to be passed through all the steps of this algorithm):

1.  $t = 1, h = 1, p = 1$
2. (A) The fourth equation becomes:  $5x + 7z + 23w = 1$   
(B) --  
(C) Equation 3 is removed.
3. No; go on to step 5.
5.  $a = 2$  and  $i = 1, j_1 = 2, j_2 = 3$ , and  $r = 2$ .
6.  $z = t_1 + y$ , the statement  $(H_1)$ . Substituting it in the
 
$$\begin{aligned} -12x + 2y + 9t_1 &= 12 \\ 3y + 9t_1 + 10w &= 0 \\ 5x + 7y + 7t_1 + 23w &= 1 \end{aligned}$$
7.  $a \neq 1$  consider  $z = t_1, h := 2$ , and go back to step 2.

2. --

3. No. Step 5.

5.  $a = 1$  and  $i = 2, j_1 = 4, j_2 = 2$ , and  $r = 1$ .

6.  $y = t_2 - 3w$ , the statement  $(H_2)$ . Substituting in the system:

$$\begin{cases} -12x + 2t_2 + 9t_1 - 6w = 12 \\ \quad 3t_2 + 8t_1 + w = 0 \\ 5x + 7t_2 + 7t_1 + 2w = 1 \end{cases}$$

Substituting it in statement to  $(H_1)$ , we get:

$z = t_1 + t_2 - 3w$ , statement  $(H_1)'$ .

7.  $w = -3t_2 - 8t_1$  statement  $(P_1)$ .

Substituting it in the system, we get:

$$\begin{cases} -12x + 20t_2 + 57t_1 = 12 \\ 5x + t_2 - 9t_1 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Substituting it in the other statements, we get:

$$z = 10t_2 + 25t_1, (H_1)'';$$

$$y = 10t_2 + 24t_1, (H_2)'';$$

$h := 3, p := 2$ , and go back to step 4.

4. Yes

2. --

3.  $t_2 = 1 - 5x + 9t_1$ , statement  $(T_1)$ .

Substituting it (where possible) we get:

$$\{-112x + 237t_1 = -8 \text{ (the new system)};$$

$$z = 10 - 50x + 115t_1, (H_1)'''$$

$$y = 10 - 50x + 114t_1, (H_2)'''$$

$$w = -3 + 15x - 35t_1, (P_1)'$$

Consider  $t := 2$  go on to step 4.

4. Yes. Go back to step 2. (From now on algorithm 2 works similarly with that from [5], with the only difference that the substitution must also be made in the statements obtained up to this point).

2. --

3. No. Go on to step 5.

5.  $a = 13$  (one three) and  $i = 1, j_1 = 2, j_2 = 1$ , and  $r = 13$ .

6.  $x = t_3 + 2t_1$ , statement  $(H_3)$ .

After substitution we get:

$$\{-112t_3 + 13t_1 = -8 \text{ (the system)}$$

$$z = 10 - 50t_3 + 15t_1, (H_1)^{IV};$$



$$y = 10 - 50t_3 + 14t_1, \quad (H_2)^m;$$

$$w = -3 + 15t_3 - 5t_1, \quad (P_1)^n;$$

$$t_2 = 1 - 5t_3 - t_1, \quad (T_1)^i;$$

7.  $x := t_3$ ,  $h := 4$  and go on to step 2.

2. --

3. No, go on to step 5.

5.  $a = 5$  and  $i = 1$ ,  $j_1 = 1$ ,  $j_2 = 2$  and  $r = 5$

6.  $t_1 = t_4 + 9t_3$ , statement  $(H_4)$ .

Substituting it, we get:  $5t_3 + 13t_4 = -8$  (the system).

$$z = 10 + 85t_3 + 15t_4, \quad (H_1)^V;$$

$$y = 10 + 76t_3 + 14t_4, \quad (H_2)^{IV};$$

$$x = 19t_3 + 2t_4, \quad (H_3)^i;$$

$$w = -3 - 30t_3 - 5t_4, \quad (P_1)^m;$$

$$t_2 = 1 - 14t_3 - t_4, \quad (T_1)^n;$$

7.  $t_1 := t_4$ ,  $h := 5$  and go back to step 2.

2. --

3. No; step 5.

5.  $a = 2$  and  $i = 1$ ,  $j_1 = 2$ ,  $j_2 = 1$  and  $r = -2$ .

6.  $t_3 = t_5 - 3t_4$  statement  $(H_5)$ . After substitution, we get:

$$5t_5 - 2t_4 = -8 \quad (\text{the system}).$$

$$z = 10 + 85t_5 - 240t_4 \quad (H_1)^{VI};$$

$$y = 10 + 76t_5 - 214t_4 \quad (H_2)^V;$$

$$x = 19t_5 - 55t_4 \quad (H_3)^{IV};$$

$$w = -3 - 30t_5 + 85t_4 \quad (P_1)^{IV};$$

$$t_2 = -1 - 14t_5 + 41t_4 \quad (T_1)^m;$$

$$t_1 = 9t_5 + 26t_4 \quad (H_4)^i;$$

7.  $t_3 := t_6$ ,  $h := 6$  and go back to step 2.

2. --

3. No; step 5.

5.  $a = 1$  and  $i = 1, j_1 = 1, j_2, r = 1$ .

6.  $t_4 = t_6 + 2t_5$  statement  $(H_6)$ . After substitution, we get:

$$t_5 - 2t_6 = -8 \quad (\text{the system})$$

$$z = 10 - 395t_5 - 240t_6, \quad (H_1)^{VII};$$

$$y = 10 - 392t_5 - 214t_6, \quad (H_2)^{VI};$$

$$x = -91t_5 - 55t_6, \quad (H_3)^{III};$$

$$w = -3 + 140t_5 + 85t_6, \quad (P_1)^V;$$

$$t_2 = 1 + 68t_5 + 41t_6, \quad (T_1)^{IV};$$

$$t_1 = -43t_5 - 26t_6, \quad (H_4)^{II};$$

$$t_3 = -5t_5 - 3t_6, \quad (H_5)^I;$$

7.  $t_5 = 2t_6 - 8$  statement  $(P_2)$ . Substituting it in the system, we get:  $0=0$ .

Substituting it in the other statements, it follows:

$$z = -1030t_6 + 3170$$

$$y = -918t_6 + 2826$$

$$x = -237t_6 + 728$$

$$w = 365t_6 - 1123$$

$$t_2 = 177t_6 - 543$$

$$t_1 = 112t_6 + 344$$

$$t_3 = 13t_6 + 40$$

$$t_4 = 5t_6 - 16$$

} statements of no importance

Consider  $h := 7, p := 3$ , and go back to step 4.

$$t_6 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

4. No. The general integer solution of the system is:

$$\begin{cases} x = -237k_1 + 728 \\ y = -918k_1 + 2826 \\ z = 1030k_1 + 3170 \\ w = 365k_1 - 1123 \end{cases}$$

where  $k_1$  is an integer number parameter.

Stop.

### Algorithm 3

#### Input

A linear system (1).

#### Output

We decide on the possibility of an integer solution of this system. If it is possible, we obtain its general integer solution.

#### Method

1. Solve the system in  $R^n$ . If it does not have solutions in  $R^n$ , it does not have solutions in  $Z^n$  either. Stop.
2.  $f = 1, t = 1, h = 1, g = 1$
3. Write the value of each main variable  $x_i$  under the form:

$$(E_{f,i})_i: x_i = \sum_j q_{ij}x'_j + q_i + \left( \sum_j r_{ij}x'_j + r_i \right) / \Delta_i,$$

with all  $q_{ij}, q_i, r_{ij}, r_i, \Delta_i$  in  $Z$  so that all  $|r_{ij}| < |\Delta_i|$ ,  $\Delta_i \neq 0, |r_i| < |\Delta_i|$  (where all  $x'_j$  of the right term are integer number variables: either of the secondary variables of the system or other new variables introduced with the algorithm). For all  $i$ , we write  $r_{ij} = \Delta_i$ .

4.  $(F_{f,i})_i: \sum_j r_{ij}x'_j - r_{i,j_f}Y_{f,i} + r_i = 0$  where  $(Y_{f,i})_i$  are

auxiliary integer number variables. We remove all the equations  $(F_{f,i})$  which are identities.

5. Does at least one equation  $(F_{f,i})$  exist? If it does not, write the general integer solution of the system substituting  $k_i, k_2, \dots$  for all the variables from the right term of each expression representing the value of the initial unknowns of the system. Stop.

6. (A) Divide each equation  $(F_{f,i})$  by the maximal co-divisor of the coefficients of their unknowns. If the quotient is not an integer number for at least one  $i_o$  then the system does not have integer solutions. Stop.

(B) simplify--as in m--all the fractions from the statements  $(E_{f,i})_i$ .

7. Does  $r_{i_o j_o}$  exist having the absolute value 1?

If it does not, go on to step 8.

If it does, find the value of  $x'_j$  from the equation  $(F_{f,i_o})$ ; write  $(T_t)$  for this statement, and substitute it (where it is possible) in the statements  $(E_{f,i})$ ,  $(T^{t-1})$ ,  $(H_h)$ ,  $G_g$  for all  $i, t, h$  and  $g$ . Remove the equation  $(F_{f,i_o})$ . Consider  $f := f + 1$ ,  $t := t + 1$ , and go back to step 3.

8. Calculate  $a = \min_{i, j_1, j_2} \left\{ |r|, r_{i j_1} \equiv r \pmod{r_{i j_2}}, 0 < |r| < |r_{i j_2}| \right\}$

and determine the indices  $i_m, j_1, j_2$  as well as the  $r$  for which this minimum can be obtained. (When there are more variables, choose only one).

9. (A) Write  $x'_{j_2} = z_h - \frac{a_{i_m j_1} - r}{a_{j_m j_2}} x'_{j_1}$ , where  $z_h$  is a new integer variable; statement  $(H_h)$ .

- (B) Substitute the letter (where possible) in the statements  $(E_{f,i}), (F_{f,i}), (T_i), (H_{h-1}), (G_g)$  for all  $i, t, h$  and  $g$ .
- (C) Consider  $h := h + 1$ .
10. (A) If  $a \neq 1$  go back to step 4.
- (B) If  $a = 1$  calculate the value of the variable  $x'_j$  from the equation  $(F_{f,i})$ ; relation  $(G_g^1)$ . Substitute it (where possible) in the statements  $(E_{f,i}), (T_i), (H_h), (G_{g-1})$  for all  $i, t, h$  and  $g$ . Remove the equation  $(F_{f,i})$ . Consider  $g := g + 1, f := f + 1$  and go back to step 3.

### The correctness of algorithm 3

**Lemma 5.** Let  $i$  be fixed. Then  $(\sum_{j=n_1}^{n_2} r_{ij}x'_j + r_i) \mid \Delta_i$  (with all  $r_{ij}, r_i, \Delta_i, n_1, n_2$  being integers,  $n_1 \leq n_2, \Delta_i \neq 0$  and all  $x'_j$  being integer variables) can have integer values if and only if  $(r_{in_1}, \dots, r_{in_2}, \Delta_i) \mid r_i$ .

*Proof:*

The fraction from the lemma can have integer values if and only if there is a  $z \in \mathbf{Z}$  so that  $(\sum_{j=n_1}^{n_2} r_{ij}x'_j + r_i) / \Delta_i = z \Leftrightarrow$

$\sum_{j=n_1}^{n_2} r_{ij}x'_j - \Delta_i z + r_i = 0$  which is a linear equation. This equation has integer solution  $\Leftrightarrow (r_{in_1}, \dots, r_{in_2}, \Delta_i) \mid r_i$ .

**Lemma 6.** The algorithm is finite. It is true. The algorithm can stop at steps 1, 5 or substep 6(A). (It rarely stops at step 1).

One equation after another are gradually eliminated at step 4 and especially 7 and 10 (B) ( $F_{f,i}$ )--the number of equations is finite. If at steps 4 and 7 the elimination of equations may occur only in special cases, elimination of equations at substep 10 (B) is always true because, through steps 8 and 9 we get to  $a = 1$  (see [5]) or even lemma 4 (from the correctness of algorithm 2). Hence, the algorithm is finite.

**Theorem of Correctness.** The algorithm 3 correctly calculates the general integer solution of the system (1).

*Proof:*

The algorithm is finite according to lemma 6. It is obvious that if the system does not have solution in  $R^n$  it does not have in  $Z^n$  either, because  $Z^n \subset R^n$  (step 1).

The variables  $f$ ,  $t$ ,  $h$ ,  $g$  are counter variables and are meant to number the statements of the type  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $t$ ,  $H$  and  $G$ , respectively. They are used to distinguish between the statements and make the necessary substitutions (step 2).

Step 3 is obvious. All the coefficients of the unknowns being integers, each main variable  $x_i$  will be written:

$$x_i = \left( \sum_j c_{ij} x'_j + c_i \right) / \Delta_i$$

which can assume the form and conditions required in this step. Step 4 is obtained from 3 by writing each fraction equal to an integer variable  $Y_{f,i}$  (this being  $x_i \in Z$ ).

Step 5 is very close to the end. If there is no fraction among all ( $E_{f,i}$ ) it means that all the main variables  $x_i$  already have values in  $Z$ , while the secondary variables of the system can be arbitrary in  $Z$ , or can be obtained from the statements  $T$ ,  $H$  or  $G$  (but these have only integer expressions because of their definition and because only integer substitutions are made). The second assertion of this step is meant to systematize the

parameters and renumber; it could be left out but aesthetic reasons dictate its presence. According to lemma 5 the step 6(A) is correct. (If a fraction depending on certain parameters (integer variables) cannot have values in  $\mathbf{Z}$ , then the main variable which has in the value of its expression such a fraction cannot have values in  $\mathbf{Z}$  either; hence, the system does not have integer system). This 6(A) also has a simplifying role. The correctness of step 7, trivial as it is, also results from [4], and the steps 8-10 from [5] or even from algorithm 2 (lemma 4).

The initial system is equivalent to the "system" from step 3 (in fact,  $(E_{f,i})$  as well, can be considered a system). So, the general integer solution is preserved (the changes of variables do not prejudice it (see [4], [5], and also lemma 2 from the correctness of algorithm 2)). From a system  $m_i \times n_i$  we form an equivalent system  $m_{i+1} \times n_{i+1}$  with  $m_{i+1} < m_i$  and  $n_{i+1} < n_i$ . This algorithm works similarly to algorithm 2.

**Example 3.** Employing algorithm 3, find an integer solution of the following system:

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 4x_2 & + 22x_4 - 8x_5 = 25 \\ 6x_1 + & + 46x_4 - 12x_5 = 2 \\ & 4x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 + 9x_5 = 26 \end{cases}$$

Solution

1. Common solving in  $R^3$  it follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{23x_4 - 6x_5 - 1}{-3} \\ x_2 = \frac{x_4 + 2x_5 + 24}{4} \\ x_3 = \frac{11x_5 + 2}{3} \end{cases}$$

2.  $f = 1, t = 1, h = 1, g = 1$

3.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -7x_4 + 2x_5 + \frac{2x_4 - 1}{-3} & (E_{1,1}) \\ x_2 = 6 + \frac{x_4 + 3x_5}{4} & (E_{1,2}) \\ x_3 = -4x_5 + \frac{x_5 + 2}{3} & (E_{1,3}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad & 2x_4 + 3y_{11} - 1 = 0 & (F_{1,1}) \\ & x_4 + 2x_5 - 4y_{12} = 0 & (F_{1,2}) \\ & x_5 - 3y_{13} + 2 = 0 & (F_{1,3}) \end{aligned}$$

5. Yes.

6. --

7. Yes:  $|r_{35}| = 1$ . Then  $x_5 = 3y_{13} - 2$  the statement  $(T_1)$ .

Substituting it in the others, we get:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -7x_4 + 6y_{13} - 4 + \frac{2x_4 - 1}{-3} & (E_{1,1}) \\ x_2 = 6 + \frac{x_4 + 6y_{13} - 4}{4} & (E_{1,2}) \\ x_3 = -12y_{13} + 8 + \frac{3y_{13} - 2 + 2}{3} & (E_{1,3}) \end{cases}$$

Remove the equation  $(F_{1,3})$ .

Consider  $f := 2$ ,  $t := 2$ ; go back to step 3.

3.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -7x_4 + 6y_{13} - 4 + \frac{2x_4 - 1}{-3} & (E_{2,1}) \\ x_2 = y_{13} + 5 + \frac{x_4 + 2y_{13}}{4} & (E_{2,2}) \\ x_3 = -11y_{13} + 8 & (E_{2,3}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad & 2x_4 + 3y_{21} - 1 = 0 & (F_{2,1}) \\ & x_4 + 2y_{13} - 4y_{22} = 0 & (F_{2,2}) \end{aligned}$$

5. Yes.



6. --

7. Yes  $|r_{24}| = 1$ . We obtain  $x_4 = -2y_{13} + 4y_{22}$  statement  $(T_2)$ . Substituting it in the others we get:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -28y_{22} + 20y_{13} + \frac{-4y_{13} + 8y_{22} - 1}{-3} & (E_{2,1})' \\ x_2 = y_{22} + y_{13} + 5 & (E_{2,2})' \\ x_3 = -11y_{13} + 8 & (E_{2,3})' \end{cases}$$

Remove the equation  $(F_{22})$

Consider  $f := 3$ ,  $t := 3$  and go back to step 3.

3.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -22y_{13} - 30y_{22} + \frac{2y_{13} + 2y_{22} - 1}{-3} & (E_{3,1}) \\ x_2 = y_{13} + y_{22} + 5 & (E_{3,2}) \\ x_3 = -11y_{13} + 8 & (E_{3,3}) \end{cases}$$

$$4. 2y_{13} + 2y_{22} + 3y_{31} - 1 = 0 \quad (F_{3,1})$$

5. Yes.

6. --

7. No.

8.  $a = 1$ , and  $i_m = 1$ ,  $j_1 = 31$ ,  $j_2 = 22$  and  $r = 1$ .

9. (A)  $y_{22} = z_1 - y_{31}$  statement  $(H_1)$ .

(B) Substituting it in the others we get:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -22y_{13} - 30z_1 + 30y_{31} - 4 + \frac{2y_{13} + 2z_1 - 2y_{31} - 1}{-3} & (E_{3,1})' \\ x_2 = y_{13} + z_1 - y_{31} + 5 & (E_{3,2})' \\ x_3 = -11y_{13} + 8 & (E_{3,3})' \end{cases}$$

$$2y_{13} + 2z_1 + y_{31} - 1 = 0 \quad (F_{3,1})'$$

$$x_4 = -2y_{13} + 4z_1 - 4y_{13} \quad (T_2)'$$

(C) Consider  $h := 2$

10. (B)  $y_{31} = 1 - 2y_{13} - 2z_1$ , statement  $(G_1)$ .

Substituting it in the others we get:

$$x_1 = -40y_{13} - 92z_1 + 27 \quad (E_{3,1})''$$

$$x_2 = 3y_{13} + 3z_1 + 4 \quad (E_{3,2})''$$

$$x_3 = -11y_{13} + 8 \quad (E_{3,3})''$$

$$x_4 = 6y_{13} + 12z_1 - 4 \quad (T_2)''$$

$$y_{22} = 2y_{13} + 3z_1 - 1 \quad (H_1)'$$

Remove the equation  $(F_{3,1})$

Consider  $g := 2$ ,  $f := 4$  and go back to step 3.

3.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -40y_{13} - 92z_1 + 27 & (E_{4,1}) \\ x_2 = 3y_{13} + 3z_1 + 4 & (E_{4,2}) \\ x_3 = -11y_{13} + 8 & (E_{4,3}) \end{cases}$$

4. --

5. No. The general integer solution of the initial system is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -40k_1 - 92k_2 + 27, & \text{from } (E_{4,1}) \\ x_2 = 3k_1 + 3k_2 + 4, & \text{from } (E_{4,2}) \\ x_3 = -11k_1 + 8, & \text{from } (E_{4,3}) \\ x_4 = 6k_1 + 12k_2 - 4, & \text{from } (T_2)'' \\ x_5 = 3k_1 - 2, & \text{from } (T_1) \end{cases}$$

where  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Algorithm 4

### Input

A linear system (1) with not all  $a_{ij} = 0$ .

### Output

We decide on the possibility of integer solution of this system. If it is possible, we obtain its general integer solution.

## Method

1.  $h = 1, v = 1$ .
2. (A) Divide every equation  $i$  by the largest co-divisor of the coefficients of the unknowns. If the quotient is not an integer for at least one  $i_o$  then the system does not have integer solutions. Stop.  
 (B) If there is an inequality in the system, then it does not have integer solutions.  
 (C) In case of repetition, retain only one equation of that kind.  
 (D) Remove all the equations which are identities.
3. Calculate  $a = \min_{i,j} \{ |a_{ij}|, a_{ij} \neq 0 \}$  and determine the indices  $i_o, j_o$  for which this minimum can be obtained. (If there are more variables, choose one, at random.)
4. If  $a \neq 1$  go on to step 6.  
 If  $a=1$ , then:
  - (A) Calculate the value of the variable  $x_{j_o}$  from the equation  $i_o$  write this statement ( $V_v$ ).
  - (B) Substitute this statement (where possible) in all the equations of the system as well as in the statements ( $V_{v-1}$ ), ( $H_h$ ), for all  $v$  and  $h$ .
  - (C) Remove the equation  $i_o$  from the system.
  - (D) Consider  $v := v + 1$ .
5. Does at least one equation exist in the system?
  - (A) If it does not, write the general integer solution of the system substituting  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  for all the variables from the right term of each expression representing the value of the initial unknowns of the system.
  - (B) If it does, considering the new data, go back to step 2.

6. Write all  $a_{i_o j}$ ,  $j \neq j_o$  and  $b_{i_o}$  under the from:

$$a_{i_o j} = a_{i_o j_o} q_{i_o j} + r_{i_o j}, \text{ with } |r_{i_o j}| < |a_{i_o j}|;$$

$$b_{i_o} = a_{i_o j_o} q_{i_o} + r_{i_o}, \text{ with } |r_{i_o}| < |a_{i_o j_o}|.$$

7. Write  $x_{j_o} = - \sum_{j \neq j_o} q_{i_o j} x_j + q_{i_o} + t_h$ , statement  $(H_h)$ .

Substitute (where possible) this statement in all the equations of the system as well as in the statement  $(V_v)$ ,  $(H_h)$ , for all  $v$  and  $h$ .

8. Consider

$$x_{j_o} := t_h, h := h + 1,$$

$$a_{i_o j} := r_{i_o j}, j \neq j_o,$$

$$a_{i_o j_o} := \pm a_{i_o j_o}, b_{i_o} := +r_{i_o},$$

and go back to step 2.

### The Correctness of Algorithm 4

This algorithm extends the algorithm from [4] (integer solutions of equations to integer solutions of linear systems). The algorithm was thoroughly demonstrated in our previous article; the present one introduces a new cycle--having as cycling variable the number of equations of system--the rest reaining unchanged; hence, the correctness of algorithm 4 is obvious.

### Discussion

1. The counter variables  $h$  and  $v$  count the statements  $H$  and  $V$ , respectively, differentiating them (to enable the substitutions);
2. Step 2  $(A + B) + (C)$  is trivial and is meant to simplify the calculations (as algorithm 2);
3. Substep 5(A) has aesthetic function (as all the algorithms described). Everything else has been proven in the previous chapters (se [4], [5], and algorithm 2).

**Example 4.** Let us use algorithm 4 to calculate the integer solution of the following linear system:

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 & -7x_3 + 6x_4 & = -2 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 & & + 6x_4 - 5x_5 = 19 \end{cases}$$

**Solution**

1.  $h = 1, v = 1$

2 --

3.  $a = 3$  and  $i = 1, j = 1$

4.  $3 \neq 1$ . Go on to step 6.

6. So,

$$-7 = 3 \cdot (-3) + 2$$

$$6 = 3 \cdot 2 + 0$$

$$-2 = 3 \cdot 0 - 2$$

7.  $x_1 = 3x_3 - 2x_4 + t_1$  statement  $(H_1)$ . Substituting it in the second equation we get:

$$4t_1 + 3x_2 + 12x_3 - x_4 - 5x_5 = 19$$

8.  $x_1 := t_1, h := 2, a_{12} := 0, a_{13} := +2, a_{14} := 0, a_{15} := +3, b := -2$

Go back to step 2.

2. The equivalent system was written:

$$\begin{cases} 3t_1 & + 3x_3 & = -2 \\ 4t_1 + 3x_2 + 12x_3 - x_4 - 5x_5 = 19 \end{cases}$$

3.  $a = 1, i = 2, j = 4$

4.  $1=1$

(A) Then:  $x_4 = 4t_1 + 3x_2 + 12x_3 - 5x_5 - 19$  statement  $(V_1)$ .

(B) Substituting it in  $(H_1)$ , we get:

$$x_1 = -7t_1 - 6x_2 - 21x_3 + 10x_5 + 38, \quad (H_1)$$

(C) Remove the second equation of the system.

- (D) Consider:  $v := 2$ .  
 5. Yes. Go back to step 2.

2. The equation  $+3t_1 + 2x_3 = -2$  is left.

3.  $a = 2$  and  $i = 1, j = 3$

4.  $2 \neq 2$ , go to step 6.

6.  $+3 = +2 \cdot 2 - 1$   
 $-2 = +2(-1) + 0$

7.  $x_3 = -2t_1 + t_2 - 1$  statement ( $H_2$ ).

Substituting it in ( $H_1$ )', ( $V_1$ ), we get:

$$x_1 = 35t_1 - 6x_2 - 21t_2 + 10x_5 + 59 \quad (H_1)''.$$

$$x_4 = -20t_1 + 3x_2 + 12t_2 - 5x_5 - 31 \quad (V_1)'.$$

8.  $x_3 := t_2, h := 3, a_{11} := -1, a_{13} := +2, b_1 := 0$   
 (the others being all = 0). Go back to step 2.

2. The equation  $-5t_1 + 2t_2 = 0$  was obtained.

3.  $a = 1$ , and  $i = 1, j = 1$

4.  $1=1$

(A) Then,  $t_1 = 2t_2$  statement ( $V_2$ ).

(B) After substitution, we get:

$$x_1 = 49t_2 - 6x_2 + 10x_5 + 59 \quad (H_1)''';$$

$$x_4 = -28t_2 + 3x_2 - 5x_5 - 31 \quad (V_1)'';$$

$$x_3 = -3t_2 \quad (H_2)';$$

(C) Remove the first equation from the system.

(D)  $v := 3$

5. No. The general integer solution of the initial system is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 49k_1 - 6k_2 + 10k_3 + 59 \\ x_2 = k_2 \\ x_3 = -3k_1 - 1 \\ x_4 = -28k_1 + 3k_2 - 5k_3 - 31 \\ x_5 = k_3 \end{cases}$$

where  $((k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3)$

Stop.

### Algorithm 5

#### Input

A linear system (1)

#### Output

We decide on the possibility of a integer solution of this system. If it is possible, we obtain its general integer solution.

#### Method

1. We solve the common system in  $R^n$ . If it does not have solutions in  $R^n$ , then it does not have solutions in  $Z^n$  either. Stop.

2.  $f = 1, v = 1, h = 1$

3. Write the value of each main variable  $x_i$  under the form:

$$(E_{f,i})_i: x_i = \sum_j q_{ij}x'_j + q_i + (\sum_j r_{ij}x'_j + r_i) / \Delta_i,$$

with all  $q_{ij}, q_i, r_{ij}, r_i, \Delta_i$  from  $\mathbb{Z}$ , so that all

$|r_{ij}| < |\Delta_i|, |r_i| < |\Delta_i|, \Delta_i \neq 0$  (where all  $x'_j - S$  of the right term are integer variables: either from the secondary variables of the system or the new variables introduced with the algorithm). For all  $i$ , we write

$$r_{i,j_f} \equiv \Delta_i$$

4.  $(E_{f,i})_i: \sum_j r_{ij}x_j - r_{i,j_f}y_{f,i} + r_i = 0$  where  $(y_{f,i})$  are auxiliary integer variables. Remove all the equations  $(F_{f,i})$  which are identities.
5. Does at least one equation  $(F_{f,i})$  exist? If it does not,

write the general integer solution of the system substituting  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  for all the variables of the right member of each expression representing the value of the initial unknowns of the system. Stop.

6. (A) Divide each equation  $(F_{f,i})$  by the largest co-divisor of the coefficients of their unknowns. If the quotient is an integer for at least one  $i_o$  then the system does not have integer solutions.

Stop.

- (B) Simplify--as previously ((A)) all the fractions in the relations  $(E_{f,i})_i$ .

7. Calculate  $a = \min_{i,j} \left\{ |r_{ij}| \mid r_{ij} \neq 0 \right\}$ , and determine the indices  $i_o, j_o$  for which this minimum is obtained.

8. If  $a \neq 1$ , go on to step 9.

If  $a = 1$ , then:

- (A) Calculate the value of the variable  $x'_{j_o}$  from the equation  $(F_{f,i})$  write  $(V_v)$  for this statement.

- (B) Substitute this statement (where possible) in the statement  $(E_{f,i}), (V_{v+1}), (H_h)$ , for all  $i, v$ , and  $h$ .

- (C) Remove the equation  $(E_{f,i})$ .

- (D) Consider  $v = v + 1, f = f + 1$  and go back to step 3.

9. Write all  $r_{i_o j}, j \neq j_o$  and  $r_{i_o}$  under the from:

$$r_{i_o j} = \Delta_{i_o} \cdot q_{i_o j} + r'_{i_o j}, \text{ with } |r'_{i_o j}| < |\Delta_{i_o}|;$$

$$r_{i_o} = \Delta_{i_o} \cdot q_{i_o} + r'_{i_o}, \text{ with } |r'_{i_o}| < |\Delta_{i_o}|.$$

10. (A) Write  $x'_{j_o} = - \sum_{j \neq j_o} q_{i_o j} \cdot x'_j + q_{i_o} + t_h$  statement  $(H_h)$ .



(B) Substitute this statement (where possible) in all the statements  $(E_{f,i}), (F_{f,i}), (V_v), (H_{h-1})$ .

(C) Consider  $h := h + 1$  and go back to step 4.

**The correctness of the algorithm** is obvious. It consists of the first part of algorithm 3 and the end part of algorithm 4. Then, steps 1-6 and their correctness were discussed in the case of algorithm 3. The situation is similar with steps 7-10. (After calculating the real solution in order to calculate the integer solution, we resorted to the procedure from 5 and algorithm 5 was obtained.) This means that all these insertions were proven previously.

### Example 5

Using algorithm 5, let us obtain the general integer solution of the system:

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \\ 4x_2 - 2x_3 - 7x_5 = -1 \end{cases}$$

#### Solution

1. Solving in  $R^5$  we get:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{-6x_3 - 2x_4}{3} \\ x_2 = \frac{2x_3 + 7x_5 - 1}{4} \end{cases}$$

2.  $f = 1, v = 1, h = 1$

3.  $(E_{1,1}): x_1 = 2x_3 + \frac{-2x_4}{3}$

$(E_{1,2}): x_2 = x_5 + \frac{2x_3 + 3x_5 - 1}{4}$

4.  $(F_{1,1}): -2x_4 - 3y_{11} = 0$

$(F_{1,2}): 2x_3 + 3x_5 - 4y_{12} - 1 = 0$

5. Yes

6. --

7.  $i = 2$  and  $i_o = 2$ ,  $j_o = 3$

8.  $2 \neq 1$

9.  $3 = 2 \cdot 1 + 1$

$$-4 = 2 \cdot (-2)$$

$$-1 = 2 \cdot 0 - 1$$

10.  $x_3 = -x_5 + 2y_{12} + t_1$  statement ( $H_1$ ). After substitution:

$$(E_{1,1})': x_1 = 2x_5 - 4y_{12} - 2t_1 + \frac{-2x_4}{3}$$

$$(E_{1,2})': x_2 = x_5 + \frac{x_5 + 4y_{12} + 2t_1 - 1}{4}$$

$$(F_{1,2})': x_5 + 2t_1 - 1 = 0$$

Consider  $h := 2$  and go back to step 4.

4. ( $F_{1,1}$ )':  $-2x_4 - 3y_{11} = 0$

$$(F_{1,2})': 2t_1 + x_5 - 1 = 0$$

5. Yes

6. --

7.  $a = 1$  and  $i_o = 2$ ,  $j_o = 5$

(A)  $x_5 = -2t_1 + 1$  statement ( $V_1$ )

(B) Substituting it, we get:

$$(E_{1,1})'': x_1 = -6t_1 + 2 - 4y_{12} + \frac{-2x_4}{3}$$

$$(E_{1,2})'': x_2 = -2t_1 + 1 + y_{12}$$

$$(H_1)': x_3 = 3t_1 + 1 - 1 + 2y_{12}$$

(C) Remove the equation ( $F_{1,2}$ ).

(D) Consider  $v = 2$ ,  $f = 2$  and go back to step 3.

$$3. (E_{2,1}) : x_1 = -6t_1 - 4y_{12} + 2 + \frac{-2x_4}{3}$$

$$(E_{2,2}) : x_2 = -2t_1 + y_{12} + 1$$

$$4. (F_{2,1}) \quad : -2x_4 - 3y_{12} = 0$$

5. Yes

6. --

$$7. a = 2 \text{ and } i_o = 1, j_o = 4$$

$$8. 2 \neq 1$$

$$9. -3 = -2 \cdot (1) - 1$$

$$10. (A) x_4 = -y_{21} + t_2 \text{ statement } (H_2)$$

(B) After substitution, we get:

$$(E_{2,1})': x_1 = -6t_1 - 4y_{12} + 2 + \frac{2y_{21} - 2t_2}{3}$$

$$(F_{2,1})': -y_{21} - 2t_2 = 0$$

Consider  $h := 3$  and go back step 4.

$$4. (F_{2,1})': -y_{21} - 2t_2 = 0$$

5. Yes

6. --

$$7. a = 1 \text{ and } i_o = 1, j_o = 21 \text{ (two, one).}$$

$$(A) y_{21} = -2t_2 \text{ statement } (V_2).$$

(B) After substitution, we get:

$$(E_{2,1})'': x_1 = -6t_1 - 4y_{12} - 2t_2 + 2$$

$$(H_2)': x_4 = 3t_2$$

(C) Remove the equation  $(F_{2,1})$ .

(D) Consider  $v = 3, f = 3$  and go back to step 3.

$$3. (E_{3,1}) : x_1 = -6t_1 - 4y_{12} - 2t_2 + 2$$

$$(E_{3,2}) : x_2 = -2t_1 + y_{12} + 1$$

4. --

5. No. The general integer solution of system is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -6k_1 - 4k_2 - 2k_3 + 2, & \text{from } (E_{3,1}); \\ x_2 = -2k_1 + k_2 + 1, & \text{from } (E_{3,2}); \\ x_3 = 3k_1 + 2k_2 - 1, & \text{from } (H_1)'; \\ x_4 = 3k_3, & \text{from } (H_2)'; \\ x_5 = -2k_1 + 1, & \text{from } (V_1); \end{cases}$$

where  $(k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{Z}$

Stop.

**Note 1.** Algorithm 3, 4 and 5 can be applied in the calculation of the integer solution of a linear equation.

**Note 2.** The algorithms, because of their form, are easily adapted to a computer program.

**Note 3.** It is up to the reader to decide on which algorithm to use. Good luck!

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## UNE MÉTHODE DE GÉNÉRALISER PAR RÉCURRENCE DE QUELQUES RÉSULTATS CONNUS

Un grand nombre d'articles élargissent des résultats connus, et ce grâce à un procédé simple, dont il est bon de dire quelques mots:

On généralise une proposition mathématique connue  $P(a)$ , où  $a$  est une constante, à la proposition  $P(n)$ , où  $n$  est une variable qui appartient à une partie de  $\mathbb{N}$ .

On démontre que  $P$  est vraie pour  $n$  par récurrence: la première étape est triviale, puisqu'il s'agit du résultat connu  $P(a)$  (et donc déjà vérifié avant par d'autres mathématiciens!). Pour passer de  $P(n)$  à  $P(n+1)$ , on utilise aussi  $P(a)$ : on élargit ainsi une proposition grâce à elle-même, autrement dit la généralisation trouvée sera paradoxalement démontrée à l'aide du cas particulier dont on est parti! (cf. les généralisations de Holder, Minkovski, Tchebychev, Euler).

## UNE GENERALISATION DE L'INEGALITE DE HÖLDER

On généralise l'inégalité de Hölder grace a un raisonnement par recurrence. Comme cas particuliers, on obtient une généralisation de l'inegalité de Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwartz, et des applications intéressantes.

**Théorème:** Si  $a_i^{(k)} \in \mathbf{R}_+$  et  $p_k \in ]1, +\infty[$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , tels que:  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_m} = 1$ , alors:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \leq \prod_{k=1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(k)} \right)^{p_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_k}} \text{ avec } m \geq 2.$$

*Preuve:*

Pour  $m = 2$  on obtient justement l'inégalité de Hölder, qui est vraie. On suppose l'inégalité vraie pour les valeurs inférieures strictement a un certain  $m$ . Alors:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \left( \prod_{k=1}^{m-2} a_i^{(k)} \right) \cdot \left( a_i^{(m-1)} \cdot a_i^{(m)} \right) \right) \leq \\ &\leq \left( \prod_{k=1}^{m-2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(k)} \right)^{p_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_k}} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(m-1)} \cdot a_i^{(m)} \right)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \end{aligned}$$

où  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_{m-2}} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$  et  $p_h > 1$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq m-2$ ,  $p > 1$ ;

mais

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(m-1)} \right)^p \cdot \left( a_i^{(m)} \right)^p \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \left( a_i^{(m-1)} \right)^p \right)^{t_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_1}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \left( a_i^{(m)} \right)^p \right)^{t_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_2}}$$



où  $\frac{1}{t_1} + \frac{1}{t_2} = 1$  et  $t_1 > 1$ ,  $t_2 > 2$ . Il en résulte:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(m-1)} \right)^p \cdot \left( a_i^{(m)} \right)^p \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(m-1)} \right)^{p t_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p t_1}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(m)} \right)^{p t_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p t_2}}$$

avec  $\frac{1}{p t_1} + \frac{1}{p t_2} = \frac{1}{p}$

Notons  $p t_1 = p_{m-1}$  et  $p t_2 = p_m$ . Donc  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_m} = 1$  il et on a  $p_j > 1$  pour  $1 \leq j \leq m$  résulte l'inégalité du théorème.

*Remarque:* Si on pose  $p_j = m$  pour  $1 \leq j \leq m$  et si on élève à la puissance  $m$  cette inégalité, on obtient une généralisation de l'inégalité de Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwartz:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \right)^m \leq \prod_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(k)} \right)^m.$$

*Application:* Soient les réels positifs  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2$ .

Montrer que:

$$(a_1 b_1 c_1 + a_2 b_2 c_2)^6 \leq 8(a_1^6 + a_2^6)(b_1^6 + b_2^6)(c_1^6 + c_2^6)$$

*Solution:*

Utilisons le théorème antérieur. Posons  $p_1 = 2$ ,  $p_2 = 3$ ,  $p_3 = 6$  en découle que:

$$a_1 b_1 c_1 + a_2 b_2 c_2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_1^3 + b_2^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} (c_1^6 + c_2^6)^{\frac{1}{6}}, \text{ ou}$$

encore:

$$(a_1 b_1 c_1 + a_2 b_2 c_2)^6 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2)^3 (b_1^3 + b_2^3)^2 (c_1^6 + c_2^6),$$

et sachant que  $(b_1^3 + b_2^3)^2 \leq 2(b_1^6 + b_2^6)$  et que

$$(a_1^2 + a_2^2)^3 = a_1^6 + a_2^6 + 3(a_1^4 a_2^2 + a_1^2 a_2^4) \leq 4(a_1^6 + a_2^6)$$

puisque  $a_1^4 a_2^2 + a_1^2 a_2^4 \leq a_1^6 + a_2^6$  (parce que:

$$-(a_2^2 - a_1^2)^2(a_1^2 + a_2^2) \leq 0)$$

il en résulte l'exercice proposé.

# UNE GÉNÉRALISATION DE L'INEGALITÉ DE MINKOWSKI

**Théorème:** Si  $p$  est un nombre réel  $\geq 1$  et  $a_i^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , avec  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  et  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , alors:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(k)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p}$$

*Démonstration par récurrence sur  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .*

Tout d'abord on montre que:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p}, \text{ ce qui est évident et}$$

prouve que l'inégalité est vraie pour  $m = 1$ .

(Le cas  $m = 2$  constitue justement l'inégalité de Minkowski, qui est naturellement vraie!).

On suppose l'inégalité vraie pour toutes les valeurs inférieures ou égales à  $m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} a_i^{(k)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=2}^{m+1} a_i^{(k)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{k=2}^{m+1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(k)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

et cette dernière somme vaut  $\left( \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(k)} \right)^p \right)^{1/p}$

donc l'inégalité est vraie au rang  $m + 1$ .

# UNE GÉNÉRALISATION D'UNE INÉGALITÉ DE TCHEBYCHEV

**Enoncé:** Si  $a_i^{(k)} \geq a_{i+1}^{(k)}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,

alors:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \geq \frac{1}{n^m} \prod_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(k)}$ .

*Démonstration* par récurrence sur  $m$ .

Cas  $m = 1$  évident:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(1)} \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(1)}$

Quant au cas  $m = 2$ , c'est l'inégalité de Tchebychev elle-même:

Si  $a_1^{(1)} \geq a_2^{(1)} \geq \dots \geq a_n^{(1)}$  et  $a_1^{(2)} \geq a_2^{(2)} \geq \dots \geq a_n^{(2)}$ , alors:

$$\frac{a_1^{(1)} a_1^{(2)} + a_2^{(1)} a_2^{(2)} + \dots + a_n^{(1)} a_n^{(2)}}{n} \geq \frac{a_1^{(1)} + a_2^{(1)} + \dots + a_n^{(1)}}{n} \times \frac{a_1^{(2)} + \dots + a_n^{(2)}}{n}$$

On suppose l'inégalité vraie pour toutes les valeurs inférieures ou égales à  $m$ . Il faut passer au rang  $m + 1$ :

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^{m+1} a_i^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \right) \cdot a_i^{(m+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ceci est} &\geq \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(m+1)} \right) \geq \\ &\geq \left( \frac{1}{n^m} \prod_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(k)} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(m+1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

et ceci vaut justement  $\frac{1}{n^{m+1}} \prod_{k=1}^{m+1} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{(k)}$  (cqfd).

# UNE GÉNÉRALISATION DU THÉORÈME D'EULER

Dans les paragraphes qui suivent nous allons demontrer un résultat qui remplace le théorème d'Euler:

"Si  $(a, m)=1$ , alors  $a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ "

dans le cas où  $a$  et  $m$  ne sont pas premiers entre eux.

## A -Notions introductives.

On suppose  $m > 0$ . Cette supposition ne nuit pas à la généralité, parce que l'indicatrice d'Euler satisfait l'égalité:

$\varphi(m) = \varphi(-m)$  (cf [1], et que les congruences vérifient la propriété suivante:

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{-m} \text{ (cf [1] pp 12-13).}$$

Quant a la relation de congruence modulo 0, c'est la relation d'égalité. On note  $(a, b)$  le plus grand commun diviseur de deux nombres entiers  $a$  et  $b$ , et on choisit  $(a, b) > 0$ .

## B - Lemmes, théorème.

**Lemme 1:** Soit  $a$  un nombre entier et  $m$  un naturel  $> 0$ . Il existe  $d_o, m_o$  de  $\mathbb{N}$  tels que  $a = a_o d_o$ ,  $m = m_o d_o$  et  $(a_o, m_o) = 1$ .

*Preuve:*

Il suffit de choisir  $d_o = (a, m)$ . En conformité avec la définition du PGCD, les quotients  $a_o$  et  $m_o$  de  $a$  et  $m$  par leur PGCD sont premiers entre eux (of [3] pp 25-26).

**Lemme 2:** Avec les notations du lemme 1, si  $d_o \neq 1$  et si :

$d_o = d_o^1 d_1$ ,  $m_o = m_1 d_1$ ,  $(d_o^1, m_1) = 1$  et  $d_1 \neq 1$ , alors  $d_o > d_1$  et  $m_o > m_1$ , et si  $d_o = d_1$ , alors apres un nombre limite de pas  $i$  on a  $d_o > d_{i+1} = (d_i, m_i)$ .

*Preuve:*

$$(0) \begin{cases} a = a_o d_o & ; & (a_o, m_o) = 1 \\ m = m_o d_o & ; & d_o \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \begin{cases} d_o = d_o^1 d_1 & ; & (d_o^1, m_1) = 1 \\ m_o = m_1 d_1 & ; & d_1 \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

De (0) et de (1) il résulte que  $a = a_o d_o = a_o d_o^1 d_1$  donc  $d_o = d_o^1 d_1$  donc  $d_o > d_1$  si  $d_o^1 \neq 1$ .

De  $m_o = m_1 d_1$  on déduit que  $m_o > m_1$ .

Si  $d_o = d_1$  alors  $m_o = m_1 d_o = k \cdot d_o^z$  ( $z \in \mathbb{N}^*$  et  $d_o \nmid k$ ).

Donc  $m_1 = k \cdot d_o^{z-1}$ ;  $d_2 = (d_1, m_1) = (d_o, k \cdot d_o^{z-1})$ . Après  $i = z$  pas il vient  $d_{i+1} = (d_o, k) < d_o$

**Lemme 3:** Pour chaque nombre entier  $a$  et chaque nombre naturel  $m > 0$  on peut construire la séquence suivante des relations:

$$(0) \begin{cases} a = a_o d_o & ; & (a_o, m_o) = 1 \\ m = m_o d_o & ; & d_o \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \begin{cases} d_o = d_o^1 d_1 & ; & (d_o^1, m_1) = 1 \\ m_o = m_1 d_1 & ; & d_1 \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$(s-1) \begin{cases} d_{s-2} = d_{s-2}^1 d_{s-1} & ; & (d_{s-2}^1, m_{s-1}) = 1 \\ m_{s-2} = m_{s-1} d_{s-1} & ; & d_{s-1} \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(s) \begin{cases} d_{s-1} = d_{s-1}^1 d_s & ; & (d_{s-1}^1, m_s) = 1 \\ m_{s-1} = m_s d_s & ; & d_s \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

*Preuve:*

On peut construire cette séquence en appliquant le lemme

1. La séquence est limitée, d'après le lemme 2, car après  $r_1$  pas on a :  $d_o > d_{r_1}$  et  $m_o > m_{r_1}$ , et après  $r_2$  pas on a :  $d_{r_1} > d_{r_1+r_2}$  et  $m_{r_1} > m_{r_1+r_2}$ , etc..., et les  $m_i$  sont des naturels. On arrive à  $d_s = 1$  parce que si  $d_s \neq 1$  on va construire de nouveau un nombre limité de relations  $(s+1), \dots, (s+r)$ , avec  $d_{s+r} < d_s$ .

**Théorème:** Soient  $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  et  $m \neq 0$ . Alors  $a^{q(m_s)+s} \equiv a^s \pmod{m}$  ou  $s$  et  $m_s$  sont les mêmes que dans les lemmes ci-dessus.

*Preuve:*

Comme dans ce qui précède on peut supposer  $m > 0$  sans nuire à la généralité. De la séquence de relations du lemme 3 il résulte que:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (0) & & (1) & & (2) & & (3) \quad (s) \\ a = a_o d_o & = & a_o d_o^1 d_1 & = & a_o d_o^1 d_1^1 d_2 & = & \dots = a_o d_o^1 d_1^1 \dots d_{s-1}^1 d_s \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (0) & & (1) & & (2) & & (3) \quad (s) \\ \text{et } m = m_o d_o & = & m_1 d_1 d_o & = & m_2 d_2 d_1 d_o & = & \dots = m_s d_s d_{s-1} \dots d_1 d_o \\ \text{et } m_s d_s d_{s-1} \dots d_1 d_o & = & d_o d_1 \dots d_{s-1} d_s m_s \end{array}$$

De (0) il découle que  $d_o = (a, m)$ , et de (i) que  $d_i = (d_{i-1}, m_{i-1})$ , ce pour tout  $i$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ .

$$d_o = d_o^1 d_1^1 d_2^1 \dots d_{s-1}^1 d_s$$

$$d_1 = d_1^1 d_2^1 \dots d_{s-1}^1 d_s$$

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$$d_{s-1} = d_{s-1}^1 d_s$$

$$d_{s-1} = d_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Donc } d_o d_1 d_2 \dots d_{s-1} d_s &= (d_o^1)^1 (d_1^1)^2 (d_2^1)^3 \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^s (d_s^1)^{s+1} \\ &= (d_o^1)^1 (d_1^1)^2 (d_2^1)^3 \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^s \text{ car } d_s = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Donc } m = (d_o^1)^1 (d_1^1)^2 (d_2^1)^3 \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^s \cdot m_s; \text{ donc } m_s | m;$$

(s)

(s)

$$(d_s, m_s) = (1, m_s) \text{ et } (d_{s-1}^1, m_s) = 1$$

(s-1)

$$1 = (d_{s-2}^1, m_{s-1}) = (d_{s-2}^1, m_s d_s) \text{ donc } (d_{s-2}^1, m_s) = 1$$

(s-2)

$$1 = (d_{s-3}^1, m_{s-2}) = (d_{s-3}^1, m_{s-1} d_{s-1}) = (d_{s-3}^1, m_s d_s d_{s-1}),$$

$$\text{donc } (d_{s-3}^1, m_s) = 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 1 & \stackrel{(i+1)}{=} (d_i^1, m_{i+1}) = (d_i^1, m_{i+1} d_{i+2}) = (d_i^1, m_{i+3} d_{i+3} d_{i+2}) = \dots = \\ & = (d_i^1, m_s d_s d_{s-1} \dots d_{i+2}) \text{ donc } (d_i^1, m_s) = 1, \text{ et ce pour} \end{aligned}$$

tout  $i$  de  $i$  de  $\{0, 1, \dots, s-2\}$ .

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(0)

$$1 = (a_o, m_o) = (a_o, d_1 \dots d_{s-1} d_s m_s) \text{ donc } (a_o, m_s) = 1.$$

Du théorème d'Euler il résulte que:

$$(d_i^1)^{\varphi(m_s)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_s} \text{ pour tout } i \text{ de } \{0, 1, \dots, s\},$$

$$a_o^{\varphi(m_s)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_s}$$

$$\text{mais } a_o^{\varphi(m_s)} = a_o^{\varphi(m_s)} (d_o^1)^{\varphi(m_s)} (d_1^1)^{\varphi(m_s)} \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^{\varphi(m_s)}$$

$$\text{donc } a^{\varphi(m_s)} \equiv \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{s+1 \text{ fois}} \pmod{m_s}$$

$$a^{\varphi(m_s)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_s}.$$

$$a_o^s (d_o^1)^{s-1} (d_1^1)^{s-2} (d_2^1)^{s-3} \dots (d_{s-2}^1)^1 \cdot a^{\varphi(m_s)} \equiv$$

$$\equiv a_o^s (d_o^1)^{s-1} (d_1^1)^{s-2} \dots (d_{s-2}^1)^1 \cdot 1 \pmod{m_s}$$

On multiplie par:

$$(d_o^1)^1 (d_1^1)^2 (d_2^1)^3 \dots (d_{s-2}^1)^{s-1} (d_{s-1}^1)^s \text{ et on obtient:}$$

$$a_o^s (d_o^1)^s (d_1^1)^s \dots (d_{s-2}^1)^s (d_{s-1}^1)^s a^{\varphi(m_s)} \equiv$$

$$\equiv a_o^s (d_o^1)^s (d_1^1)^s \dots (d_{s-2}^1)^s (d_{s-1}^1)^s \pmod{(d_o^1)^1 \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^s m_s}$$



mais  $a_o^s (d_o^1)^s (d_1^1)^s \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^s \cdot a^{\varphi(m_s)} = a^{\varphi(m_s)+s}$  et  
 $a_o^s (d_o^1)^s (d_1^1)^s \dots (d_{s-1}^1)^s = a^s$  donc  $a^{\varphi(m_s)+s} \equiv a^s \pmod{m}$ ,  
 pour tous  $a, m$  de  $\mathbb{Z} (m \neq 0)$

### Observations:

(1) Si  $(a, m) = 1$  alors  $d = 1$ . Donc  $s = 0$ , et d'après le théorème on a  $a^{\varphi(m_o)+0} \equiv a^0 \pmod{m}$  càd  $a^{\varphi(m_o)+0} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

Mais  $m = m_o d_o = m_o \cdot 1 = m_o$ . Donc:

$a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , et on obtient le théorème d'Euler.

(2) Soient  $a$  et  $m$  deux nombres entiers,  $m \neq 0$  et  $(a, m) = d_o \neq 1$ ,  
 et  $m = m_o d_o$ . Si  $(d_o, m_o) = 1$ , alors  $a^{\varphi(m_o)+1} \equiv a \pmod{m}$ .

En effet, vient du théorème avec  $s = 1$  et  $m_1 = m_o$ .

Cette relation a une forme semblable au théorème de Fermat:

$$a^{\varphi(p)+1} \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

## C – UN ALGORITHME POUR RESOUDRE LES CONGRUENCES.

On va construire un algorithme et montrer le schéma logique permettant de calculer  $s$  et  $m_s$  du théorème.

Données à entrer: deux nombres entiers  $a$  et  $m$ ,  $m \neq 0$ .

Résultats en sortie:  $s$  et  $m_s$  ainsi que

$$a^{\varphi(m_s)+s} \equiv a^s \pmod{m}.$$

Méthode: (1)  $A := a$

$M := m$

$i := 0$

(2) Calculer  $d = (A, M)$  et  $M' = M / d$ .

(3) Si  $d = 1$  prendre  $S = i$  et  $m_s = M'$  stop.

Si  $d \neq 1$  prendre  $A := d$ ,  $M = M'$

$i := i+1$ , et aller en (2).

Rem: la correction d'algorithme résulte du lemme 3 et du théorème.

Voir organigramme page suivante.

Dans cet organigramme, SUBROUTINE CMMDC calcule  $D = (A, M)$  et choisit  $D > 0$ .

**Application:** Dans la résolution des exercices on utilise le théorème et l'algorithme pour calculer  $s$  et  $m_s$ .

Exemple:  $6^{25604} \equiv ? \pmod{105765}$

L'on ne peut pas appliquer Fermat ou Euler car  $(6, 105765) = 3 \neq 1$ . On applique donc l'algorithme pour calculer  $s$  et  $m_s$  et puis le théorème antérieur:

$$d_0 = (6, 105765) = 3 \quad m_0 = 105765/3 = 35255$$

$$i = 0; 3 \neq 1 \text{ donc } i = 0 + 1 = 1, d_1 = (3, 35255) = 1,$$

$$m_1 = 35255/1 = 35255.$$

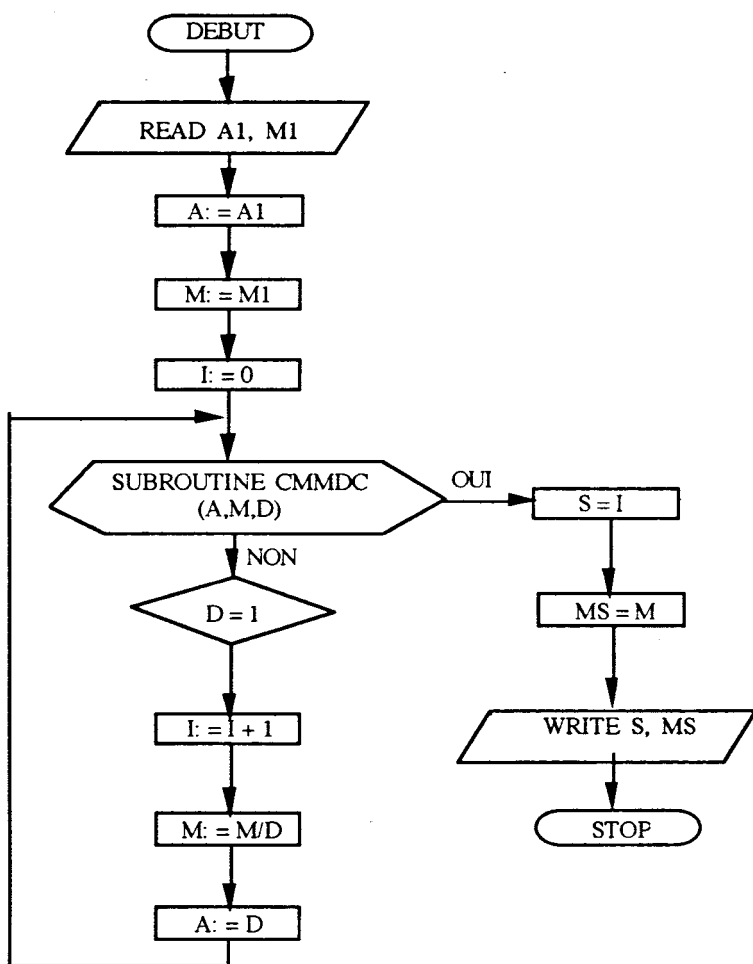
$$\text{Donc } 6^{\varphi(35255)+1} \equiv 6^1 \pmod{105765} \text{ donc}$$

$$6^{25604} \equiv 6^4 \pmod{105765}.$$

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# UNE GENERALISATION DE L'INEGALITE CAUCHY-BOUNIAKOVSKI-SCHWARZ

Enoncé: Soient les réels  $a_i^{(k)}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , avec  $m \geq 2$ . Alors:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \right)^2 \leq \prod_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(k)} \right)^2.$$

*Démonstration:*

On note  $A$  le membre de gauche de l'inegalite et  $B$  le membre de droite. On a:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m)} \right)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m)} \right) \left( a_k^{(1)} \dots a_k^{(m)} \right)$$

$$\text{et } B = \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in E} \left( a_{i_1}^{(1)} \dots a_{i_m}^{(m)} \right)^2,$$

où  $E = \{ (i_1, \dots, i_m) / i_k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, 1 \leq k \leq m \}$ . D'où:

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m)} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n \left[ \left( a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m-1)} a_k^{(m)} \right)^2 + \right. \\ \left. + \left( a_k^{(1)} \dots a_k^{(m-1)} a_i^{(m)} \right)^2 + \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in E - (\Delta_E \cup L^m)} \left( a_{i_1}^{(1)} \dots a_{i_m}^{(m)} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\text{avec } \Delta_E = \left\{ \left( \underbrace{\gamma, \dots, \gamma}_{m \text{ fois}} \right) / \gamma \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \right\}$$

$$\text{et } L = \left\{ \left( \underbrace{\alpha, \dots, \alpha}_{m-1}, \beta \right), \left( \beta, \underbrace{\dots, \beta}_{m-1}, \alpha \right) / (\alpha, \beta) \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}^2 \text{ et } \alpha < \beta \right\}$$

Alors

$$A - B = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n \left[ - \left( a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m-1)} a_k^{(m)} - a_k^{(1)} \dots a_k^{(m-1)} a_i^{(m)} \right)^2 \right] - \\ - \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in E - (\Delta_E \cup L)} \left( a_{i_1}^{(1)} \dots a_{i_m}^{(m)} \right)^2 \leq 0$$

Remarque; pour  $m = 2$  on obtient l'inégalité de Cauchy-Bouniakovski-Schwarz.

## GENERALISATIONS DU THEOREME DE CÉVA

Dans ces paragraphes on présente trois généralisations du célèbre theoreme de Céva, don l'énoncé est:

"Si dans un triangle  $ABC$  on trace les droites concourantes  $AA_1, BB_1, CC_1$  alors  $\frac{\overline{A_1B}}{\overline{A_1C}} \cdot \frac{\overline{B_1C}}{\overline{B_1A}} \cdot \frac{\overline{C_1A}}{\overline{C_1B}} = -1$ ".

**Théorème:** Soit le polygone  $A_1A_2...A_n$ , un point  $M$  dans son plan, et une permutation circulaire  $p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ 2 & 3 & \dots & n & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . On note  $M_{ij}$  les intersections de la droite  $A_iM$  avec les droites  $A_{i+s}A_{i+s+1}, \dots, A_{i+s+t-1}A_{i+s+t}$  (pour tous  $i$  et  $j$ ,  $j \in \{i+s, \dots, i+s+t-1\}$ ).

Si  $M_{ij} \neq A_n$  pour tous les indice respectifs, et si  $2s+t=n$ , on a: 
$$\prod_{i,j=1,i+s}^{n,i+s+t-1} \frac{\overline{M_{ij}A_j}}{\overline{M_{ij}A_p(j)}} = (-1)^n \text{ (s et t naturels non nuls).}$$

Démonstration analytique: Soit  $M$  un point dans le plan du triangle  $ABC$ , tel qu'il satisfasse aux conditions du théorème. On choisit un système cartésien d'axes, tel que les deux parallèles aux axes qui passent par  $M$  ne passent par aucun point  $A_i$  (ce qui est possible).

On considère  $M(a,b)$ , où  $a$  et  $b$  sont des variables réelles, et  $A_i(X_i, Y_i)$ , où  $X_i$  et  $Y_i$  sont connues,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Le choix antérieur nous assure les relations suivantes:

$X_i - a \neq 0$  et  $Y_i - b \neq 0$  pour tout  $i$  de  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

L'équation de la droite  $A_iM$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) est:

$$\frac{x-a}{X_i-a} - \frac{y-b}{Y_i-b} \text{ On la note } d(x,y;X_i,Y_i) = 0.$$

On a

$$\frac{\overline{M_{ij}A_j}}{\overline{M_{ij}A_{p(j)}}} = \frac{\delta(A_j, A_i M)}{\delta(A_{p(j)}, A_i M)} = \frac{d(X_j, Y_j; X_i, Y_i)}{d(X_{p(j)}, Y_{p(j)}; X_i, Y_i)} = \frac{D(j, i)}{D(p(j), i)}$$

Où  $\delta(A, ST)$  est la distance de  $A$  à la droite  $ST$ , et où l'on note  $D(a, b)$  pour  $d(X_a, Y_a; X_b, Y_b)$ .

Calculons le produit, où nous utiliserons la convention suivante:  $a + b$  signifiera  $\underbrace{p(p(\dots p(a)\dots))}_{i \text{ fois}}$  et  $a - b$  signifiera

$$\underbrace{p^{-1}(p^{-1}(\dots p^{-1}(a)\dots))}_{b \text{ fois}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=i+s}^{i+s+t-1} \frac{\overline{M_{ij}A_j}}{\overline{M_{ij}A_{j+1}}} &= \prod_{j=i+s}^{i+s+t-1} \frac{D(j, i)}{D(j+1, i)} = \\ &= \frac{D(i+s, i)}{D(i+s+1, i)} \cdot \frac{D(i+s+1, i)}{D(i+s+2, i)} \cdots \frac{D(i+s+t-1, i)}{D(i+s+t, i)} = \\ &= \frac{D(i+s, i)}{D(i+s+t, i)} = \frac{D(i+s, i)}{D(i-s, i)} \end{aligned}$$

Le produit initial est égal à;

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{D(i+s, i)}{D(i-s, i)} &= \frac{D(1+s, 1)}{D(1-s, 1)} \cdot \frac{D(2+s, 2)}{D(2-s, 2)} \cdots \frac{D(2s, s)}{D(n, s)} \cdot \\ &\cdot \frac{D(2s+2, s+2)}{D(2s+t, s+t)} \cdot \frac{D(2s+t+1, s+t+1)}{D(2s+t, s+t)} \cdot \\ &\cdot \frac{D(2s+t+2, s+t+2)}{D(t+2, s+t+2)} \cdots \frac{D(2s+t+s, s+t+s)}{D(t+s, s+t+s)} = \\ &= \frac{D(1+s, 1)}{D(1, 1+s)} \cdot \frac{D(2+s, 2)}{D(2, 2+s)} \cdots \frac{D(2s+t, s+t)}{D(s+t, 2s+t)} \cdots \frac{D(s, n)}{D(n, s)} = \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{D(i+s, i)}{D(i, i+s)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \left( -\frac{P(i+s)}{P(i)} \right) = (-1)^n \text{ parce que:} \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{D(r,p)}{D(p,r)} = \frac{\frac{X_r - a}{X_p - a} - \frac{Y_r - b}{Y_p - b}}{\frac{X_r - a}{X_p - a} - \frac{Y_r - b}{Y_p - a}} = - \frac{(X_r - a)(Y_r - b)}{(X_p - a)(Y_p - b)} = - \frac{P(r)}{P(p)},$$

la dernière égalité résultant de ce que l'on note:

$(X_t - a)(Y_t - b) = P(t)$ . De (1) il résulte que  $P(t) \neq 0$  pour tout  $t$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . La démonstration est terminée.

### Commentaires sur le théorème:

$t$  représente le nombre des droites du polygone qui sont coupées par une droite  $A_i M$ ; si on note les côtés  $A_i A_{i+1}$  du polygone  $a_i$ , alors  $s+1$  représente l'ordre de la première droite coupée par la droite  $A_i M$  (c'est  $a_{s+1}$  la première droite coupée par  $A_i M$ ).

*Exemple:* Si  $s = 5$  et  $t = 3$ , le théorème dit que:

- la droite  $A_1 M$  coupe les côtés  $A_6 A_7, A_7 A_8, A_8 A_9$ .
- la droite  $A_2 M$  coupe les côtés  $A_7 A_8, A_8 A_9, A_9 A_{10}$ .
- la droite  $A_3 M$  coupe les côtés  $A_8 A_9, A_9 A_{10}, A_{10} A_{11}$  etc...

*Observation:* la condition restrictive du théorème est nécessaire pour l'existence des rapports  $\frac{\overline{M_{ij} A_j}}{\overline{M_{ij} A_p(j)}}$ .

**Conséquence 1:** Soient un polygone  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_{2k+1}$  et un point  $M$  dans son plan. Pour tout  $i$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2k+1\}$ , on note  $M_i$  l'intersection de la droite  $A_i A_{p(i)}$  avec la droite qui passe par  $M$  et par le sommet opposé à cette droite. Si  $M_i \notin \{A_i, A_{p(i)}\}$  alors on a:  $\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{M_i A_i}}{\overline{M_i A_{p(i)}}} = -1$ .

La démonstration résulte immédiatement du théorème, puisqu'on a  $s = k$  et  $t = 1$ , c'est-à-dire  $n = 2k + 1$ .

La réciproque de cette conséquence n'est pas vraie.

D'où il résulte immédiatement que la réciproque du théorème n'est pas non plus vraie.

Contre-exemple:

On considère un polygone de 5 côtés. On trace les droites  $A_1M_3, A_2M_4$  et  $A_3M_5$  concourantes en  $M$ .

$$\text{Soit } K = \frac{\overline{M_3A_3}}{\overline{M_3A_4}} \cdot \frac{\overline{M_4A_4}}{\overline{M_4A_5}} \cdot \frac{\overline{M_5A_5}}{\overline{M_5A_1}}$$

Puis on trace la droite  $A_4M_1$  telle qu'elle ne passe pas par  $M$  et telle qu'elle forme le rapport: (2)

$$\frac{\overline{M_1A_1}}{\overline{M_1A_2}} = 1/K \text{ ou } 2/K. \text{ (on choisit l'une de ces valeurs,}$$

pour que  $A_4M_1$  ne passe pas par  $M$ ).

A la fin on trace  $A_5M_2$  qui forme le rapport  $\frac{\overline{M_2A_2}}{\overline{M_2A_3}} = -1$  ou

$-\frac{1}{2}$  en fonction de (2). Donc le produit:

$$\prod_{i=1}^5 \frac{\overline{M_iA_i}}{\overline{M_iA_{p(i)}}} \text{ sans que les droites respectives soient concourantes.}$$

**Conséquence 2:** Dans les conditions du théorème, si pour tout  $i$  et  $j, j \notin \{i, p^{-1}(i)\}$ , on note  $M_{ij} = A_iM \cap A_jA_{p(j)}$  et  $M_{ij} \notin \{A_j, A_{p(j)}\}$  alors on a:

$$\prod_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ j \notin \{i, p^{-1}(i)\}}}^n \frac{\overline{M_{ij}A_j}}{\overline{M_{ij}A_{p(j)}}} = (-1)^n.$$

En effet on a  $s = 1, t = n - 2$ , et donc  $2s + t = n$ .

**Conséquence 3:** Pour  $n = 3$ , il vient  $s = 1$  et  $t = 1$ , cad on obtient (comme cas particulier) le théorème de Ceva.

## UNE APPLICATION DE LA GÉNÉRALISATION DU THÉORÈME DE CÉVA

**Théorème:** Soit un polygone  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  inscrit dans un cercle. Soient  $s$  et  $t$  deux naturels non nuls tels que  $2s + t = n$ . Par chaque sommet  $A_i$  passe une droite  $d_i$  qui coupe les droites  $A_{i+s} A_{i+s+1}, \dots, A_{i+s+t-1} A_{i+s+t}$  aux points  $M_{i,i+s}, \dots$ , respectivement  $M_{i,i+s+t-1}$  et le cercle au point  $M'_i$ . Alors on a :

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=i+s}^{i+s+t-1} \frac{\overline{M_{ij} A_j}}{\overline{M_{ij} A_{j+1}}} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s+t}}}.$$

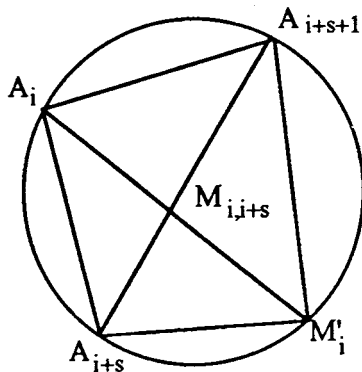
*Preuve:*

Soit  $i$  fixé.

1) Cas où le point  $M_{i,i+s}$  se trouve à l'intérieur du cercle:

On a les triangles  $A_i M_{i,i+s} A_{i+s}$  et  $M'_i M_{i,i+s} A_{i+s+1}$  semblables, puisque les angles  $M_{i,i+s} A_i A_{i+s}$  et  $M_{i,i+s} A_{i+s+1} M'_i$  d'une part, et  $A_i M_{i,i+s} A_{i+s}$  et  $A_{i+s+1} M_{i,i+s} M'_i$  sont égaux. Il en résulte que:

$$\frac{\overline{M_{i,i+s} A_i}}{\overline{M_{i,i+s} A_{i+s+1}}} = \frac{\overline{A_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s+1}}}.$$



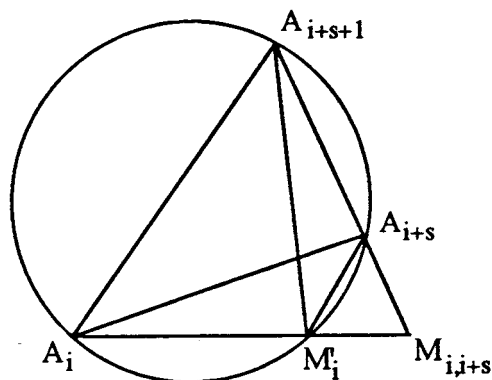
De manière analogue, on montre que les triangles  $M_{i,i+s}A_iA_{i+s+1}$  et  $M_{i,i+s}A_{i+s}M'_i$  sont semblables, d'où:

$$(2) \quad \frac{\overline{M_{i,i+s}A_i}}{\overline{M_{i,i+s}A_{i+s}}} = \frac{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+1}}}{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s}}}. \text{ On divise (1) par (2) et on}$$

obtient:

$$(3) \quad \frac{\overline{M_{i,i+s}A_{i+s}}}{\overline{M_{i,i+s}A_{i+s+1}}} = \frac{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+1}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_iA_{i+s}}}{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+1}}}.$$

2) Le cas où  $M_{i,i+s}$  est extérieur au cercle est similaire au premier, parce que les triangles (notes comme au 1) sont semblables aussi dans ce nouveau cas. On a les mêmes raisonnements et les mêmes rapports, donc on a aussi la relation (3).



Calculons le produit:

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=i+s}^{i+s+t-1} \frac{\overline{M_{i,j}A_j}}{\overline{M_{i,j}A_{j+1}}} &= \prod_{j=i+s}^{i+s+t-1} \left( \frac{\overline{M'_iA_j}}{\overline{M'_iA_{j+1}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_iA_j}}{\overline{A_iA_{j+1}}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+1}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+1}}}{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+2}}} \cdots \frac{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+t-1}}}{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+t}}} \cdot \\ &\quad \frac{\overline{A_iA_{i+s}}}{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+1}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+1}}}{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+2}}} \cdots \frac{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+t-1}}}{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+t}}} = \frac{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_iA_{i+s+t}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_iA_{i+s}}}{\overline{A_iA_{i+s+t}}} \end{aligned}$$

Donc le produit initial est égal à:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s+t}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{A_i A_{i+s+t}}} \right) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s+t}}}$$

puisque:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{A_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{A_i A_{i+s+t}}} = \frac{\overline{A_1 A_{1+s}}}{\overline{A_1 A_{1+s+t}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_2 A_{2+s}}}{\overline{A_2 A_{2+s+t}}} \dots \frac{\overline{A_s A_{2s}}}{\overline{A_{s+1} A_1}}$$

$$\cdot \frac{\overline{A_{s+2} A_{2s+2}}}{\overline{A_{s+2} A_2}} \dots \frac{\overline{A_{s+t} A_n}}{\overline{A_{s+t} A_t}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_{s+t+1} A_1}}{\overline{A_{s+t+1} A_{t+1}}} \cdot \frac{\overline{A_{s+t+2} A_2}}{\overline{A_{s+t+2} A_{t+2}}} \dots \frac{\overline{A_n A_s}}{\overline{A_n A_{s+t}}} = 1$$

(en tenant compte du fait que  $2s + t = n$ ).

**Conséquence 1:** Si on a un polygone  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_{2s-1}$  inscrit dans un cercle, et que de chaque sommet  $A_i$  on trace une droite  $d_i$  qui coupe le côté opposé  $A_{i+s-1} A_{i+s}$  en  $M_i$  et le cercle en  $M'_i$  alors:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{M_i A_{i+s-1}}}{\overline{M_i A_{i+s}}} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s-1}}}{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s}}}$$

En effet pour  $t = 1$ , on a  $n$  impair et  $s = \frac{n+1}{2}$ .

Si on fait  $s = 1$  dans cette coséquence, on retrouve la note mathématique de [1], pages 35-37.

**Application:** si dans le théorème, les droites  $d_i$  sont concurrentes, on obtient:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s}}}{\overline{M'_i A_{i+s+t}}} = (-1)^n \text{ (Pour cela, voir [2])}.$$

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# UNE GÉNÉRALISATION D'UN THÉORÈME DE CARNOT

**Théorème de Carnot:** Soit un point  $M$  sur la diagonale  $AC$  d'un quadrilatère quelconque  $ABCD$ . Par  $M$  on trace une droite qui coupe  $AB$  en  $\alpha$  et  $BC$  en  $\beta$ . Puis on trace une autre droite qui coupe  $CD$  en  $\gamma$  et  $AD$  en  $\delta$ . Alors on a:

$$\frac{A\alpha}{B\alpha} \cdot \frac{B\beta}{C\beta} \cdot \frac{C\gamma}{D\gamma} \cdot \frac{D\delta}{A\delta} = 1.$$

**Généralisation:** Soit un polygone  $A_1 \dots A_n$ . Sur une diagonale  $A_1 A_k$  de celui-ci on prend un point  $M$  par lequel on trace une droite  $d_1$  qui coupe les droites  $A_1 A_2, A_2 A_3, \dots, A_{k-1} A_k$  respectivement aux points  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{k-1}$  et une autre droite  $d_2$  coupe les autres droites  $A_k A_{k+1}, \dots, A_{n-1} A_n, A_n A_1$  respectivement aux points  $P_k, \dots, P_{n-1}, P_n$ . Alors on a:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{A_i P_i}{A_{\varphi(i)} P_i} = 1, \text{ où } \varphi \text{ est la permutation circulaire}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ 2 & 3 & \dots & n & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Démonstration:*

Soit  $1 \leq j \leq k-1$  On montre facilement que:

$$\frac{A_j P_j}{A_{j+1} P_j} = \frac{D(A_j, d_1)}{D(A_{j+1}, d_1)} \text{ où } D(A, d) \text{ représente la distance}$$

du point  $A$  à la droite  $d$ , puisque les triangles  $P_j A_j A'_j$  et  $P_j A_{j+1} A'_{j+1}$  sont semblables. (On note  $A'_j$  et  $A'_{j+1}$  les projections des points  $A_j$  et  $A_{j+1}$  sur la droite  $d_1$ ).

Il en résulte que:

$$\frac{A_1 P_1}{A_2 P_1} \cdot \frac{A_2 P_2}{A_3 P_2} \cdots \frac{A_{k-1} P_{k-1}}{A_k P_{k-1}} = \frac{D(A_1, d_1)}{D(A_2, d_1)} \cdot \frac{D(A_2, d_1)}{D(A_3, d_1)} \cdots \frac{D(A_{k-1}, d_1)}{D(A_k, d_1)} \\ = \frac{D(A_1, d_1)}{D(A_k, d_1)}$$

De manière analogue, pour  $k \leq h \leq n$  on a :

$$\frac{A_h P_h}{A_{\varphi(h)} P_h} = \frac{D(A_h, d_2)}{D(A_{\varphi(h)}, d_2)} \text{ et } \prod_{h=k}^n \frac{A_h P_h}{A_{\varphi(h)} P_h} = \frac{D(A_k, d_2)}{D(A_1, d_2)}.$$

Le produit du théorème est égal à :

$$\frac{D(A_1, d_1)}{D(A_k, d_1)} \cdot \frac{D(A_k, d_2)}{D(A_1, d_2)}, \text{ mais } \frac{D(A_1, d_1)}{D(A_k, d_1)} = \frac{A_1 M}{A_k M} \text{ puisque les}$$

triangles  $MA_1 A'_1$  et  $MA_k A'_k$  sont semblables. De même, puisque les triangles  $MA_1 A''_1$  et  $MA_k A''_k$  sont semblables (on note  $A'_1$  et  $A''_k$  les projections respectives de  $A_1$  et  $A_k$  sur la droite  $d_2$ ), on a :

$$\frac{D(A_k, d_2)}{D(A_1, d_2)} = \frac{A_k M}{A_1 M}$$

Le produit de l'énoncé est donc bien égal à 1.

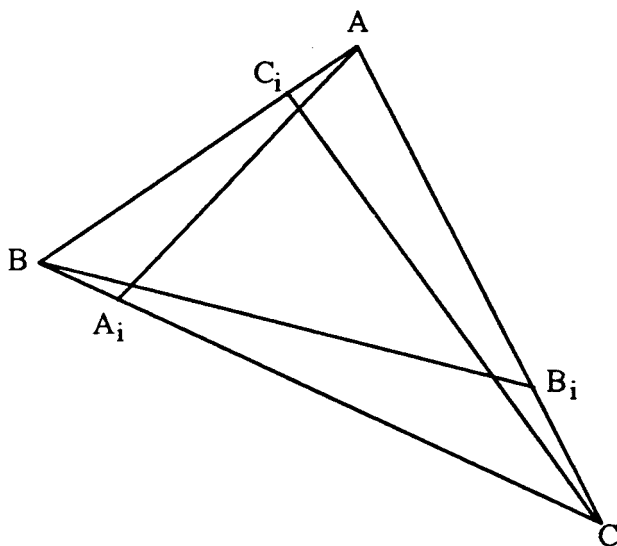
Rem: si on remplace  $n$  par 4 dans ce théorème, on retrouve le théorème de Carnot.

## QUELQUES PROPRIETES DES NÉDIANES

Cet article généralise certains résultats sur les médianes (voir [1] p. 97-99). On appelle *nédiannes* les segments de droite qui passent par un sommet du triangle et partagent le côté opposé en  $n$  parties égales. Une nédiane est appelée d'ordre  $i$  si elle partage le côté opposé dans le rapport  $i/n$ .

Pour  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  les nédiannes d'ordre  $i$  (c'est-à-dire  $AA_i$ ,  $BB_i$  et  $CC_i$ ) ont les propriétés suivantes:

1) Avec ces 3 segments on peut construire un triangle.



$$2) |AA_i|^2 + |BB_i|^2 + |CC_i|^2 = \frac{i^2 - i \cdot n + n^2}{n^2} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2).$$

Preuves.

$$\vec{AA_i} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BA_i} = \vec{AB} + \frac{i}{n} \vec{BC} \quad (1)$$



$$\vec{BB}_i = \vec{BC} + \vec{CB}_i = \vec{BC} + \frac{i}{n} \vec{CA} \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{CC}_i = \vec{CA} + \vec{AC}_i = \vec{CA} + \frac{i}{n} \vec{AB} \quad (3)$$

En additionnant ces 3 relations, il vient:

$$\vec{AA}_i + \vec{BB}_i + \vec{CC}_i = \frac{i+n}{n} (\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA}) = 0 \text{ donc les 3}$$

némediennes peuvent être les cotés d'un triangle.

(2) En élevant au carré les 3 relations et en faisant la somme on obtient:

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{AA}_i|^2 + |\vec{BB}_i|^2 + |\vec{CC}_i|^2 &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{i^2}{n^2} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \\ &+ \frac{i}{n} (2 \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC} + 2 \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{CA} + 2 \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{AB}) \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

Puisque  $2 \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC} = -2ca \cos B = b^2 - c^2 - a^2$  (th. du cosinus), en reportant ceci dans la relation (4) on a la relation cherchée.

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## GENERALIZĂRI ALE TEOREMEI LUI DESARGUES\*

Se dau punctele  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  situate în același plan și  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  situate în alt plan, astfel încât dreptele  $A_i B_i$  să fie concurente. Să se arate că dreptele  $A_i A_j$  și  $B_i B_j$  sunt concurente, atunci punctele lor de intersecție sunt coliniare.

*Soluție.* Notăm cu  $\alpha$  un plan care conține punctele  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  (în cazul în care punctele sunt necoliniare  $\alpha$  este unic) iar analog  $\beta = P(B_1, \dots, B_n)$  și considerăm  $\alpha \cap \beta = d$ . Deoarece dreptele  $A_i A_j$  și  $B_i B_j$  sunt concurente, iar  $A_i A_j \subset \alpha$  și  $B_i B_j \subset \beta$  deci intersecția lor aparține dreptei  $d$ .

**OBSERVAȚIA 1.** Pentru  $n = 3$  și  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  necoliniare,  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  necoliniare iar  $A_i \neq B_j$  se obține teorema lui Desargues.

**OBSERVAȚIE 2.** O generalizare a acestei generalizări este Se dau punctele  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  situate într-un plan, iar  $B_1, \dots, B_m$  situate în alt plan. Să se arate că, dacă  $A_i A_j$  și  $B_k B_r$  sunt concurente, atunci punctele lor de intersecție sunt concurente.

**OBSERVAȚIA 3.** Pentru  $n = m$ , iar dreptele  $A_i B_i$  concurente se obține prima generalizare.

**OBSERVAȚIA 4.** Dacă în plus mai avem  $n = m = 3$  precum și condițiile anterioare găsim teorema lui Desargues.

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## COEFFICIENTS K-NOMIAUX

Dans cet article on élargit les notions de "coefficients binomiaux" et de "coefficients trinomiaux" à la notion de "coefficients k-nomiaux", et on obtient quelques propriétés général de ceux-ci. Comme application, on généralisera le "triangle de Pascal".

On considère un nombre naturel  $k \geq 2$ ; soit  $P(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1}$  le polynôme formé de  $k$  monômes de ce type; on l'appellera "k-nôme".

On appelle *coefficients k-nomiaux* les coefficients des puissances de  $x$  de  $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^n$ , pour  $n$  entier positif. On les notera  $Ck_n^h$  avec  $h \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2pn\}$

Par la suite on va construire par récurrence un triangle de nombres qui va être appelé "*triangle des nombres d'ordre k*".

CAS 1 :  $k = 2p + 1$ .

Sur la première ligne du triangle on écrit 1 et on l'appelle "ligne 0".

(1) On convient que toutes les cases qui se trouvent à gauche et à droite du premier (respectivement du dernier) nombre de chaque ligne seront considérées comme contenant 0. Les lignes suivantes sont appelées "ligne 2", etc... Chaque ligne contiendra  $2p$  nombres à gauche du premier nombre,  $p$  nombres à droite du dernier nombre de la ligne précédente. Les nombres de la ligne  $i + 1$  s'obtiennent à partir de ceux de la ligne  $i$  de la façon suivante :

$Ck_{i+1}^j$  est égal à l'addition des  $p$  nombres situés à sa gauche sur la ligne  $i$  et des  $p$  nombres situés à sa droite sur la ligne  $i$ , au nombre situé au-dessus de lui (voir fig. 1). On va tenir compte de la convention 1.

Fig.1: ligne  $i$   $\overbrace{\dots\dots\dots}^{p \text{ nombres}} \cdot \overbrace{\dots\dots\dots}^{p \text{ nombres}}$   
 ligne  $i+1$   $\cdot Ck_{i+1}^j$

**Exemple pour  $k=5$ :**

				1															
			1	1	1	1	1												
		1	2	3	4	5	4	3	2	1									
	1	3	6	10	15	18	19	18	15	10	6	3	1						
1	4	10	20	35	52	68	80	85	80	68	52	35	20	10	4	1			
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Le nombre  $CS_1^0 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$ ;  $CS_1^3 = 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1$ ,  $CS_2^3 = 0 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$ ;  $CS_3^7 = 4 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 = 18$ , etc...

### Propriétés du triangle, de nombres d'ordre $k$ :

1) La ligne  $i$  a  $2pi + 1$  éléments.

2)  $Ck_n^h = \sum_{i=0}^{2p} Ck_{n-1}^{h-i}$  où par convention  $Ck_n^t = 0$  pour

$$\begin{cases} t < 0 & \text{et} \\ t > 2pr \end{cases}$$

Ceci est évident d'après la construction du triangle.

3) Chaque ligne est symétrique par rapport à l'élément central.

4) Les premiers éléments de la ligne  $i$  sont 1 et  $i$ .

5) La ligne  $i$  du triangle de nombres d'ordre  $k$  représente les coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux de  $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^i$ .

La démonstration se fait par récurrence sur  $i$  de  $\mathbb{N}^*$ :

a) Pour  $i = 1$  c'est évident; (on fait la propriété serait encore vraie pour  $i = 0$ ).

b) Supposons la propriété vraie pour  $n$ . Alors

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^{n+1} = \\
 & = (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1}) (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^n = \\
 & = (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{2p}) \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{2pn} Ck_n^j \cdot x^j = \\
 & = \sum_{t=0}^{2p(n+1)} \sum_{\substack{i+j=t \\ 0 \leq j \leq 2p \\ 0 \leq i \leq 2pn}} Ck_n^i \cdot x^i \cdot x^j = \\
 & = \sum_{t=0}^{2p(n+1)} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{2p} Ck_n^{t-j} \right) x^t = \sum_{t=0}^{2p(n+1)} Ck_{n+1}^t \cdot x^t
 \end{aligned}$$

6) La somme des éléments situés sur la ligne  $n$  est égale à,  $k^n$ .

La première méthode de démonstration utilise le raisonnement par récurrence. Pour  $n = 1$  l'assertion est évidente. On suppose la propriété vraie pour  $n$ , c'est-à-dire que la somme des éléments situés sur la ligne  $n$  est égale à  $k^n$ . La ligne  $n + 1$  se calcule à partir des éléments de la ligne  $n$ . Chaque élément de la ligne  $n$  fait partie de la somme qui calcule chacun des  $p$  éléments situés à sa gauche sur la ligne  $n + 1$ , chacun des  $p$  éléments situés à sa droite sur la ligne  $n + 1$  et celui qui est situé en dessous: donc il est utilisé pour calculer  $k$  nombres de la ligne  $n + 1$ .

Donc la somme des éléments de la ligne  $n + 1$  est  $k$  fois plus grande que la somme de ceux de la ligne  $n$ , donc elle vaut  $k^{n+1}$ .

7) La différence entre la somme des coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux de rang pair et la somme des coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux impair situés sur la même ligne  $(Ck_n^0 - Ck_n^1 + Ck_n^2 - Ck_n^3 + \dots)$  est égale à 1.

On l'obtient si dans  $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^n$  on prend  $x = -1$ .

$$8) Ck_n^0 \cdot Ck_m^h + Ck_n^1 \cdot Ck_m^{h-1} + \dots + Ck_n^h \cdot Ck_m^0 = Ck_{n+m}^h$$

Ceci résulte de ce que, dans l'identité

$$(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^n \cdot (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^m = (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1})^{n+m}$$

le coefficient de  $x^h$  dans le membre de gauche est

$$\sum_{i=0}^h Ck_n^i \cdot Ck_m^{h-i} \text{ et celui de } x^h \text{ à droite est } Ck_{n+m}^h$$

9) La somme des carrés des coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux situés sur la ligne  $n$  est égale au coefficient  $k$ -nomial situé au milieu de la ligne  $2n$ .

Pour la preuve on prend  $n = m = h$  dans la propriété 8.

On peut trouver beaucoup de propriétés et applications de ces coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux parce qu'ils élargissent les coefficients binomiaux dont les applications sont connues.

CAS 2 :  $k = 2p$ .

La construction du triangle de nombres d'ordre  $k$  est analogue:

Sur la première ligne on écrit 1; on l'appelle ligne 0.

Les lignes suivantes sont appelées ligne 1, ligne 2, etc... Chaque ligne aura  $2p-1$  éléments de plus la précédente; comme  $2p-1$  est un nombre impair, les éléments de chaque ligne seront placés entre les éléments de la ligne précédente (à la différence du cas 1 où ils se plaçaient en-dessous).

Les éléments situés sur la ligne  $i+1$  s'obtiennent en utilisant ceux de la ligne  $i$  de la façon suivante:

$Ck_{i+1}^j$  est égal à l'addition des  $p$  éléments situés à sa gauche sur la ligne  $i$  aux  $p$  éléments situés à sa droite sur la ligne  $i$ .

Fig.2: ligne  $i$   $\overbrace{\text{.....}}^{p \text{ nbres}}$   $\overbrace{\text{.....}}^{p \text{ nbres}}$   
 ligne  $i+1$   $\cdot Ck_{i+1}^j$

Exemple pour  $k = 4$ :

				1					
			1	1	1	1			
		1	2	3	4	3	2	1	
	1	3	6	10	12	12	10	6	3
1	4	10	20	31	40	44	40	31	20

D'où la propriété 1' :  $Ck_n^h = \sum_{i=0}^{2p-1} Ck_{n-1}^{h-i}$

En réunissant les propriétés 1 et 1' :  $Ck_n^h = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} Ck_{n-1}^{h-i}$

Les autres propriétés du Cas 1 se conservent dans le cas 2, avec des preuves analogues. Cependant dans la propriété 7, on voit que la différence entre la somme des coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux de rang pair et celle des coefficients  $k$ -nomiaux de rang impair situés sur la même ligne est égale à 0.

# UNE CLASSE D'ENSEMBLES RÉCURSIFS

Dans cet article on construit une classe d'ensembles rékursifs, on établit des propriétés de ces ensembles et on propose des applications. Cet article élargit quelques résultats de [1].

## 1) Définitions, propriétés.

On appelle ensembles rékursifs les ensembles d'éléments qui se construisent de manière réursive: soit  $T$  un ensemble d'éléments et  $f_i$  pour  $i$  compris entre 1 et  $s$ , des opérations  $n_i$ -aires, càd que  $f_i: T^{n_i} \rightarrow T$ . Construisons rékursivement l'ensemble  $M$  inclus dans  $T$  et tel que:

(déf.1) 1<sup>o</sup>) certains éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  de  $T$ , appartiennent à  $M$ .

2<sup>o</sup>) si  $\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}$  appartiennent à  $M$ , alors

$f_i(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}})$  appartient à  $M$  pour tout  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ .

3<sup>o</sup>) chaque élément de  $M$  s'obtient en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles 1<sup>o</sup> ou 2<sup>o</sup>.

Nous allons démontrer plusieurs propriétés de ces ensembles  $M$ , qui découlent de la façon dont ils ont été définis.

L'ensemble  $M$  est le représentant d'une classe d'ensembles rékursifs parce que dans les règles 1<sup>o</sup> et 2<sup>o</sup>, en particulierisant les éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  respectivement  $f_1, \dots, f_s$ , on obtient des ensembles différents.

**Observation 1:** Pour obtenir un élément de  $M$ , il faut nécessairement appliquer d'abord la règle 1.

(déf.2) Les éléments de  $M$  s'appellent éléments  $M$ -rékursifs.



(déf.3) On appelle ordre d'un élément  $a$  de  $M$  le plus petit naturel  $p \geq 1$  qui a la propriété que  $a$  s'obtient en appliquant  $p$  fois les règles  $1^0$  ou  $2^0$ .

On note  $M_p$  l'ensemble qui contient tous les éléments d'ordre  $p$  de  $M$ . Il est évident que  $M_1 = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ .

$$M_2 = \bigcup_{i=1}^s \left\{ \bigcup_{(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) \in M_1^{n_i}} f_i(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) \right\} \setminus M_1.$$

On soustrait  $M_1$  car il est possible que  $f_j(a_{j_1}, \dots, a_{j_{n_j}}) = a_i$  qui appartient à  $M_1$ , et donc pas à  $M_2$ .

On démontre que pour  $k \geq 1$  on a :

$$M_{k+1} = \bigcup_{i=1}^s \left\{ \bigcup_{(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) \in \prod_k^{(i)}} f_i(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) \right\} \setminus \bigcup_{h=1}^k M_h$$

où chaque  $\prod_k^{(i)} = \{(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) / \alpha_{i_j} \in M_{q_j} \quad j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_i\};$   
 $1 \leq q_j \leq k \text{ et au moins un élément } \alpha_{i_{j_0}} \in M_k, 1 \leq j_0 \leq n_i\}$ .

Les ensembles  $M_p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$  forment une partition de l'ensemble  $M$ .

### **Théorème 1:**

$$M = \bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*} M_p, \text{ où } \mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

*Preuve:*

De la règle  $1^0$  il résulte que  $M_1 \subseteq M$ .

On suppose que cette propriété est vraie pour des valeurs inférieures à  $p$ . Il en résulte que  $M_p \subseteq M$ , parce que  $M_p$  est

obtenu en appliquant la règle 2° aux éléments de  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{p-1} M_i$

Donc  $\bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*} M_p \subseteq M$ . Réciproquement, on a l'inclusion en sens contraire en accord avec la règle 3°.

**Théorème 2:** L'ensemble  $M$  est le plus petit ensemble qui ait les propriétés 1° et 2°.

*Preuve:*

Soit  $R$  le plus petit ensemble ayant les propriétés 1° et 2°. On va démontrer que ce ensemble est unique.

Supposons qu'il existe un autre ensemble  $R'$  ayant les propriétés 1° et 2° qui soit le plus petit. Comme  $R$  est le plus petit ensemble ayant ces propriétés, et puisque  $R'$  les possède aussi, il en résulte que  $R \subseteq R'$  de manière analogue, il vient  $R' \subseteq R$ : donc  $R = R'$ .

Il est évident que  $M_1 \subseteq R$ . On suppose que  $M_i \subseteq R$  pour  $1 \leq i < p$ . Alors (règle 3°), et en tenant compte du fait que chaque élément de  $M_p$  est obtenu en appliquant la règle 2° à certains éléments de  $M_i$ ,  $1 \leq i < p$  il en résulte que  $M_p \subseteq R$ . Donc  $\bigcup_p M_p \subseteq R$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ), c-à-d  $M \subseteq R$ . Et comme  $R$  est unique,  $M = R$ .

**Observation 2.** Le théorème 2 remplace la règle 3° de la définition récursive de l'ensemble  $M$  par : " $M$  est le plus petit ensemble satisfaisant les propriétés 1° et 2°".

**Théorème 3:**  $M$  est l'intersection de tous les ensembles de  $T$  qui satisfont aux conditions 1° et 2°.

*Preuve:* soit  $T_{12}$  la famille de tous les ensembles de  $T$  satisfaisant les conditions 1<sup>o</sup> et 2<sup>o</sup>. Soit  $I = \bigcap_{A \in T_{12}} A$ .

$I$  a les propriétés 1<sup>o</sup> et 2<sup>o</sup> parce que:

- 1) Pour tout  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $a_i \in I$ , parce que  $a_i \in A$  pour tout  $A$  de  $T_{12}$ .
- 2) Si  $\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}} \in I$ , il en résulte que  $\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}$  appartiennent à  $A$  quel que soit  $A$  de  $T_{12}$ . Donc,  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ ,  $f_i(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) \in A$  quel que soit  $A$  de  $T_{12}$ , donc  $f_i(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}}) \in I$  pour tout  $i$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ .

Du théorème 2 il résulte que  $M \subseteq I$ .

Puisque  $M$  remplit les conditions 1<sup>o</sup> et 2<sup>o</sup>, il en résulte que  $M \in T_{12}$ , d'où  $I \subseteq M$ . Donc  $M = I$ .

**Déf.)** Un ensemble  $A \subseteq I$  est dit fermé pour l'opération  $f_{i_0}$  ssi pour tout  $\alpha_{i_0 1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_0 n_{i_0}}$  de  $A$ , on a:  $f_{i_0}(\alpha_{i_0 1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_0 n_{i_0}})$  appartient à  $A$ .

**(Déf.5)** Un ensemble  $A \subseteq T$  est dit fermé  $M$ -récursif ssi:

- 1)  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq A$ .
- 2)  $A$  est fermé par rapport aux opérations  $f_1, \dots, f_s$ .

Avec ces définitions, les théorèmes précédents deviennent:

**Théorème 2':** L'ensemble  $M$  est le plus petit ensemble fermé  $M$ -récursif.

**Théorème 3':**  $M$  est l'intersection de tous ensembles fermés  $M$ -récursifs.

**(Déf,6)** Le système d'éléments  $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$ ,  $m \geq 1$  et

$\alpha_i \in T$  pour  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , constitue une description  $M$ -récursive pour l'élément  $\alpha$ , si  $\alpha_m = \alpha$  et que chaque  $\alpha_i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ) satisfait au moins l'une des propriétés:

- 1)  $\alpha_i \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ .
- 2)  $\alpha_i$  s'obtient à partir des éléments qui le précèdent dans le système en appliquant les fonctions  $f_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq s$  définies par la propriété 2° de (déf.1).

(Déf.7) Le nombre  $m$  de ce système s'appelle la longueur de la description  $M$ -récursive pour l'élément  $\alpha$ .

**Observation 3:** Si l'élément  $\alpha$  admet une description  $M$ -récursive, alors il admet une infinité de telles descriptions.

En effet, si  $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$  est une description  $M$ -récursive de  $\alpha$  alors  $\langle \underbrace{a_1, \dots, a_1}_{h \text{ fois}}, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$  est aussi une description

$M$ -récursive pour  $\alpha$ ,  $h$  pouvant prendre toute valeur de  $N$ .

**Théorème 4:** L'ensemble  $M$  est confondu avec l'ensemble de tous les éléments de  $T$  qui admettent une description  $M$ -récursive.

*Preuve:* soit  $D$  l'ensemble de tous éléments qui admettent une description  $M$ -récursive. Nous allons démontrer par récurrence que  $M_p \subseteq D$  pour tout  $p$  de  $N^*$ .

Pour  $p = 1$  on a:  $M_1 = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ , et les  $a_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  admettent comme description  $M$ -récursive:  $\langle a_j \rangle$ . Ainsi  $M_1 \subseteq D$ . Supposons que la propriété est vraie pour les valeurs inférieures à  $p$ .  $M_p$  est obtenu en appliquant la règle 2° aux éléments de

$\bigcup_{i=1}^{p-1} M_i$ ;  $\alpha \in M_p$  entraîne  $\alpha \in f_j(\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_{n_i}})$  et  $\alpha_{i_j} \in M_{h_j}$  pour  $h_j < p$  et  $1 \leq j \leq n_i$ .

Mais  $\alpha_{i_j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n_i$ , admet des descriptions  $M$ -récurrentes d'après l'hypothèse de récurrence, soit  $\langle \beta_{j_1}, \dots, \beta_{j_{s_j}} \rangle$ . Alors  $\langle \beta_{1_1}, \dots, \beta_{1_{s_1}}, \beta_{2_1}, \dots, \beta_{2_{s_2}}, \dots, \beta_{n_i 1}, \dots, \beta_{n_i s_{n_i}}, \alpha \rangle$  constitue une description  $M$ -récurrente pour l'élément  $\alpha$ . Donc si  $\alpha$  appartient à  $D$ , alors  $M_p \subseteq D$  càd  $M = \bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*} M_p \subseteq D$ .

Réciproquement, soit  $x$  appartenant à  $D$ . Il admet une description  $M$ -récurrente  $\langle b_1, \dots, b_t \rangle$  avec  $b_t = x$ . Il en résulte par récurrence sur la longueur de la description  $M$ -récurrente de l'élément  $x$ , que  $x \in M$ . Pour  $t = 1$ , on a  $\langle b_1 \rangle$ ,  $b_1 = x$  et  $b_1 \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq M$ . On suppose que tous les éléments  $y$  de  $D$  qui admettent une description  $M$ -récurrente de longueur inférieure à  $t$  appartiennent à  $M$ . Soit  $x \in D$  décrit par un système de longueur  $t$ :  $\langle b_1, \dots, b_t \rangle$ ,  $b_t = x$ . Alors  $x \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq M$ , ou bien  $x$  est obtenu en appliquant la règle 2<sup>o</sup> aux éléments qui le précèdent dans le système :  $b_1, \dots, b_{t-1}$ . Mais ces éléments admettent des descriptions  $M$ -récurrentes de longueurs inférieures à  $t$ :  $\langle b_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle b_1, b_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle b_1, \dots, b_{t-1} \rangle$ . D'après l'hypothèse de récurrence,  $b_1, \dots, b_{t-1}$  appartiennent à  $M$ . Donc  $b_t$  appartient aussi à  $M$ . Il en résulte que  $M = D$ .

**Théorème 5:** Soient  $b_1, \dots, b_q$  des éléments de  $T$  qui s'obtiennent à partir des éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les opérations  $f_1, f_2, \dots$ , ou  $f_s$ . Alors  $M$

peut être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1) Certains éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_q$  de  $T$  appartiennent à  $M$ .

2)  $M$  est fermé pour les applications  $f_i$ , avec  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ .

3) Chaque élément de  $M$  est obtenu en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles (1) ou (2) qui précèdent.

*Prouve:* évidente. Comme  $b_1, \dots, b_q$  appartiennent à  $T$ , et s'obtiennent à partir des éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  de  $M$  en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les opérations  $f_i$ , il en résulte que  $b_1, \dots, b_q$  appartiennent à  $M$ .

**Théorème 6:** Soient  $g_j, 1 \leq j \leq r$ , des opérations  $n_j$ -aires, càd  $g_j: T^{n_j} \rightarrow T$  telles que  $M$  soit fermé par rapport à ces opérations. Alors  $M$  peut être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1) Certains éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  de  $T$  appartiennent à  $M$ .

2)  $M$  est fermé pour les opération  $f_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$  et  $g_j, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ .

3) Chaque élément de  $M$  est obtenu en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles précédentes.

*Preuve facile:* comme  $M$  est fermé pour les opérations  $g_j$  (avec  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ ), on a, quels que soient  $\alpha_{j1}, \dots, \alpha_{jn_j}$  de  $M$ ,  $g_j(\alpha_{j1}, \dots, \alpha_{jn_j}) \in M$  pour tout  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ .

Les théorèmes 5 et 6 entraînent:

**Théorème 7:** L'ensemble  $M$  peut être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1) Certains éléments  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_q$  de  $T$  appartiennent à  $M$ .

- 2)  $M$  est fermé pour les opérations  $f_i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ ) et pour les opérations  $g_j$  ( $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ ) définies précédemment.
- 3) Chaque élément de  $M$  est défini en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les 2 règles précédentes.

**Déf.8)** L'opération  $f_i$  conserve la propriété  $P$  ssi quels que soient les éléments  $\alpha_{i1}, \dots, \alpha_{in_i}$  ayant la propriété  $P$ ,  $f_i(\alpha_{i1}, \dots, \alpha_{in_i})$  a la propriété  $P$ .

**Théorème 8:** Si  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  ont la propriété  $P$ , et si les fonctions  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  conservent cette propriété, alors tous les éléments de  $M$  ont la propriété  $P$ .

*Preuve:*

$M = \bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*} M_p$ . Les éléments de  $M_1$  ont la propriété  $P$ .

Supposons que les éléments de  $M_i$  pour  $i < p$  ont la propriété  $P$ . Alors les éléments de  $M_p$  l'ont aussi parce que  $M_p$  s'obtient en appliquant les opérations  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  aux éléments de:  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{p-1} M_i$ , éléments qui ont propriété  $P$ . Donc, quel que soit  $p$  de  $\mathbb{N}$ , les éléments de  $M_p$  ont la propriété  $P$ .

Donc tous les éléments de  $M$  l'ont.

**Conséquence 1:** Soit la propriété  $P$ : " $x$  peut être représenté sous la forme  $F(x)$ ".

Si  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  peuvent être représentés sous la forme  $F(a_1), \dots$ , respectivement  $F(a_n)$ , et si  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  conservent la propriété  $P$ , alors tout élément  $\alpha$  de  $M$  peut être représenté sous la forme  $F(\alpha)$ .

Rem. on peut trouver encore d'autres déf. équivalentes de  $M$ .

## 2 - APPLICATIONS, EXEMPLES.

Dans les applications, certaines notions générales comme: élément  $M$ -récuratif, description  $M$ -réursive, ensemble fermé  $M$ -récuratif seront remplacés par les attributs caractérisant l'ensemble  $M$ . Par exemple dans la théorie des fonctions récuratives, on trouve des notions comme: fonctions primitives récuratives, description primitive réursive, ensemble fermé primitivement récuratif. Dans ce cas " $M$ " a été remplacé par l'attribut "primitif" qui caractérise cette classe de fonctions, mais il peut être remplacé par les attributs "général", "partiel".

En particulierisant les règles 1<sup>o</sup> et 2<sup>o</sup> de la déf.1, on obtient plusieurs ensembles intéressants:

**Exemple 1:** (voir [2], pages 120-122, problème 7.97).

**Exemple 2:** L'ensemble des termes d'une suite définie par une relation de récurrence constitue un ensemble récuratif.

Soit la suite:  $a_{n+k} = f(a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots, a_{n+k-1})$  pour tout  $n$  de  $\mathbb{N}^*$ , avec  $a_i = a_i^0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . On va construire récurativement l'ensemble  $A = \{a_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  et on va définir en même temps la position d'un élément dans l'ensemble  $A$ :

- 1<sup>o</sup>)  $a_1^0, \dots, a_k^0$  appartiennent à  $A$ , et chaque  $a_i^0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) occupe la position  $i$  dans l'ensemble  $A$ ;
- 2<sup>o</sup>) si  $a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots, a_{n+k-1}$  appartiennent à  $A$ , et chaque  $a_j$  pour  $n \leq j \leq n+k-1$  occupe la position  $j$  dans l'ensemble  $A$ , alors  $f(a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots, a_{n+k-1})$  appartient à  $A$  et occupe la position  $n+k$  dans l'ensemble  $A$ .
- 3<sup>o</sup>) chaque élément de  $B$  s'obtient en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles 1<sup>o</sup> ou 2<sup>o</sup>.

**Exemple 3:** Soit  $G = \{e, a^1, a^2, \dots, a^p\}$  un groupe cyclique



engendré par l'élément  $a$ . Alors  $(G, \cdot)$  peut être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1<sup>o</sup>)  $a$  appartient à  $G$ .

2<sup>o</sup>) si  $b$  et  $c$  appartiennent à  $G$  alors  $b \cdot c$  appartiennent à  $G$ .

3<sup>o</sup>) chaque élément de  $G$  est obtenu en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles 1 ou 2.

**Exemple 4:** Chaque ensemble fini  $ML = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  peut être défini récursivement (avec  $ML \subseteq T$ ):

1<sup>o</sup>) Les éléments  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  de  $T$  appartiennent à  $ML$ .

2<sup>o</sup>) Si  $a$  appartient à  $ML$ , alors  $f(a)$  appartient à  $ML$ , où  $f: T \rightarrow T$  telle que  $f(x) = x$ ;

3<sup>o</sup>) Chaque élément de  $ML$  est obtenu en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles 1<sup>o</sup> ou 2<sup>o</sup>.

**Exemple 5:** Soit  $L$  un espace vectoriel sur le corps commutatif  $K$  et  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  une base de  $L$ . Alors  $L$  être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1<sup>o</sup>)  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  appartiennent à  $L$ ;

2<sup>o</sup>) si  $x, y$  appartiennent à  $L$  et si  $a$  appartient à  $K$ , alors  $x \perp y$  appartient à  $L$  et  $a * x$  appartient à  $L$ ;

3<sup>o</sup>) chaque élément de  $L$  est obtenu récursivement en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles 1<sup>o</sup> ou 2<sup>o</sup>.

(Les lois  $\perp$  et  $*$  sont respectivement les lois interne et externe de l'espace vectoriel  $L$ ).

**Exemple 6:** Soient  $X$  un  $A$ -module, et  $M \subset X$  ( $M \neq \emptyset$ ), avec  $M = \{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  Le sous-module engendré par  $M$  est:

$\langle M \rangle = \{x \in X / x = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n, a_i \in A, x_i \in M, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$

peut être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1<sup>o</sup>) pour tout  $i$  de  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .  $x_i \in \langle M \rangle$ ;

2°) si  $x$  et  $y$  appartiennent à  $\langle M \rangle$  et  $a$  appartient à  $A$ , alors  $x + y$  appartient à  $\langle M \rangle$ , et  $ax$  aussi;

3°) chaque élément de  $\langle M \rangle$  est obtenu en appliquant un nombre fini de fois les règles 1° ou 2°.

En accord avec le paragraphe 1 de cet article,  $\langle M \rangle$  est le plus petit sous-ensemble de  $X$  vérifiant les conditions 1° et 2°, c'est-à-dire que  $\langle M \rangle$  est le plus petit sous-module de  $X$  incluant  $M$ .  $\langle M \rangle$  est aussi l'intersection de tous les sous-ensembles de  $X$  vérifiant les conditions 1° et 2°, c'est-à-dire que  $\langle M \rangle$  est l'intersection de tous les sous-modules de  $X$  qui contiennent  $M$ . On retrouve ainsi directement quelques résultats classiques d'algèbre.

On peut aussi parler de sous-groupes ou d'idéal engendré par un ensemble: on obtient ainsi quelques applications importantes en algèbre.

**Exemple 7:** On obtient aussi comme application la théorie des langages formels, parce que, comme on le sait, chaque langage régulier (linéaire à droite) est un ensemble régulier et réciproquement. Mais un ensemble régulier sur un alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  peut être défini récursivement de la façon suivante:

1°)  $\emptyset, \{\varepsilon\}, \{a_1\}, \dots, \{a_n\}$  appartiennent à  $R$ .

2°) si  $P$  et  $Q$  appartiennent à  $R$ , alors  $P \cup Q$ ,  $PQ$ , et  $P^*$  app. à  $R$ , avec  $P \cup Q = \{x / x \in P \text{ ou } x \in Q\}$ ;

$PQ = \{xy / x \in P \text{ et } y \in Q\}$ , et  $P^* = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} P^n$  avec

$P^n = \underbrace{P \cdot P \dots P}_{n \text{ fois}}$  et, par convention,  $P^0 = \{\varepsilon\}$ .

3°) Rien d'autre n'appartient à  $R$  que ce qui est obtenu à l'aide de 1° ou de 2°.

D'ou plusieurs propriétés de cette classe de langages avec applications aux langages de programmation.

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## A GENERALIZATION IN SPACE OF JUNG'S THEOREM

In this short note we will prove a generalization of Jung's theorem in space.

**Theorem.** Let  $n$  be points in space such that the maximum distance between two ones be  $a$ . Prove that exists a sphere of radius  $r \leq a \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$  which contains in interior or on surface all these points.

*Proof:*

Let the points  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ . Let there be a sphere  $S_1(O_1, r_1)$  of center  $O_1$  and radius  $r_1$  which contains all these points. We note  $r_2 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} P_i O_1 = P_1 O_1$  and construct the sphere  $S_2(O_1, r_2)$ ,  $r_2 \leq r_1$ , with  $P_1 \in Fr(S_2)$  where  $Fr(S_2)$  = frontier (surface) of  $S_2$ .

We apply a homothety  $H$  in space, of center  $P_1$ , such that the new sphere  $H(S_2) = S_3(O_3, r_3)$  has the property:  $Fr(S_3)$  contains another point, for example  $P_2$ , and of course  $S_3$  contains all points  $P_i$ .

1) If  $P_1, P_2$  are diametrically opposite in  $S_3$  then  $r_{\min} = \frac{a}{2}$ .  
If no, we do a rotation  $R$  so that  $R(S_3) = S_4(O_4, r_4)$  for which  $\{P_3, P_2, P_1\} \subset Fr(S_4)$  and  $S_4$  contains all points  $P_i$ .

2) If  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  belong to a great circle of  $S_4$  and they are not included in an open semicircle, then  $r_{\min} \leq \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$  (Jung's theorem).

If no, we consider the fascicule of spheres  $S$  for which  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\} \subset Fr(S)$  and  $S$  contains all points  $P_i$ . We choose a sphere  $S_5$  such that  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4\} \subset Fr(S_5)$ .

3) If  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4\}$  are not included in an open semisphere of  $S_5$  then the tetrahedron  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4\}$  can be included in a regulated tetrahedron of side  $a$ , whence we find the radius of  $S_5$  is  $\leq a \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$ .

If no, let's  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq 4} P_i P_j = P_1 P_4$ . Does the sphere  $S_6$  of diameter  $P_1 P_4$  contain all points  $P_i$ ?

If yes, stop (we are in the case 1).

If no, we consider the fascicule of spheres  $S'$  such that  $\{P_1, P_4\} \subset Fr(S')$  and  $S'$  contains all points  $P_i$ . We choose another sphere  $S_7$  for which  $P_5 \notin \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4\}$  and  $P_5 \in Fr(S_7)$ .

With these new notations (the points  $P_1, P_4, P_5$  and the sphere  $S_7$ ) we return to the case 2.

This algorithm is fonite; it constructs the asked sphere.

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## MATHEMATICAL RESEARCH AND NATIONAL EDUCATION

In our days focus strongly on the interrelation between research and production. Between these two fields there is actually a very tight relation (osmosis), a dialectical union, while each is maintaining its own personality.

Education has develop according to its needs and exigencies resulting from the technical and scientific revolution: The introduction of faculties in the fields of production, research and design areas, and vice versa, the necessity of introducing the process of production and research work in the school units.

Therefore, it should be kept in mind, that the disertation projects of the students be immediately used in the process of production. In this case, it falls to the school the responsibility to repare and shape the future specialists in all fields of activity.

In the light of the present reality, we are witness to an informational burst in all domains, and it is noticed the sustained effort which is being made by the educational system to adopt itself to the over increasing exigencis of the society, to keep in pace with the technique and science conquests. Within these science conquests, mathematics occupies a central place - "the queen of sciences", as Gauss has said.

The Mathematics, for the ones who are studying it, confess them, by the precision of formule and expressions on epoch, there have developed much, so that transforming it from a science of number and of quantities (as it was called in ancient times) in a science of essential structures. New branches of mathematics have appeared, many of them thanks to its

interpenetration with other sciences, and even branches such as: Mathematical Linguistics, Mathematical Poetics (in the latter a remarkable contribution being due to Prof. Solomon Marcus from Bucharest University). (The Mathematical Linguistics having as a starting point the topic models of the natural language and developing on algebraic grammar, by which are being studied the phenomena of the natural languages).

"(...) mathematics has no limits, and the space that it finds is, so far, too reduced for its aspirations. The possibilities in Mathematics are as unlimited as the ones of the worlds which ceaselessly grow and multiply under the scrutinizing gaze of the astronomers; the mathematics could not be reduced by limited, precise keys or to be reduced to valid definitions eternally, but as the conscience life, which seem dormant in every world, each stone, each leaf, each bloom of flower, and in each which it is permanently ready to burst in new forms of animal life and vegetal existence" (James - Joseph Sylvester, English Mathematician).

### **Mathematics in other sciences.**

We say that it is about their mathematization. All these sciences could not progress if they were not mathematized. Therefore, a whole group of discoveries wouldn't have taken place had it not been for the knowledge of certain scientific procedures, if mathematics had not possessed a certain quantity of knowledge (i.e., Einstein hadn't discovered the theory of relativity and if before him the Tensorial Calculator had not been discovered). Although other discoveries have been made before using math's calculations, which afterwards experimentally have been proved (Physician Maxwell - has generalized the concept of the field of electromagnetic forces, underlining the fact that even reforming to an electric or

magnetic field this is propulgated in existence by waves with the light speed.)

Mathematics also offers its possibilities to the technical field, solving problems arising in the production process.

The very high abstractness in Mathematics does not hinder under its immediate applicability in practical manner, such would be worth while mentioning a few examples:

- The Roumanian geometer Gh. Țițeica made discoveries in the field of differential geometry - which led twenty years later to the conclusion that these could be applied in the theory of generalized relativity;
- Cayley has discovered the matrix, discovery which found its applicability eighty seven years later when Heisenberg used it in the quantic mechanics;
- The English Mathematician George Boole, by the middle of XIXth century, discovered the algebra which carries his name and which occupies the worthy place in the software - electronic computers.

An interesting correlation existe between mathematics and arts: music, painting sculpture, architecture, and poetry.

Art is the pure expression of the "sentiment" while Mathematics is the crystalline expression of the pure "reasoning". Art, gushing from a sentiment, is warmer and more human, while mathematics, springing out from reasoning, is colder, but glitters more. An interesting correlation between Arts (and Literature especially), has been made by Solomon



Marcus, Professor in the Departments Of Mathematics and of Languages also, showing the superiority of the pure artistic language vis-a-vis of the scientific language.

While the scientific language has a unique sense, the literary one has an infinite. Therefore, in science the ambiguous language is eliminated. Recalling "this luminous point where geometry meets the poetry" as the mathematician and poet Dan Barbilian was saying, and we are reminded also the following idea:

"The poem of the future, by excellence, the sublime poem, will be borrowed from science" (Piere - Jules - César Jensen).

Generally speaking about research, the risks that the scientist might run should be mentioned:

- he may find results already known (but this shouldn't represent a disillusion, but even satisfaction);
- there could be a lead to suggestive results (one should have patience, and persevere);
- one could have errors in his demonstrations (deductions) - (almost all mathematicians have committed errors).

## JUBILEE OF "GAMMA" MAGAZINE

This autumn will be a few years since the school magazine "Gamma" was founded at Liceul "Steagu Roșu" in Brașov, Romania, under the guidance of the good hearted professor MIHAIL BENCZE, who has not spared any effort for it.

In the 28 numbers issued up to present, "Gamma" magazine has encouraged in solving problems of mathematics of over two thousand students, helping them prepare for scientific competitions, exams grades and degrees for universities. Each year, the Editorial office grants prizes and honorable mentions to the most hardworking pupils who solve problems.

The magazine structure is classic. The wider space is dedicated to the original proposed problems of mathematics for grades 8 - 12 and university levels of computer science, up to the present exceeding 7000, out of which we are sure that any time branch of very interesting problems, highly difficult can be selected. We recall that some of those have already appeared in prestigious foreign magazines - i.e., "American Mathematical Monthly", "Mathematics Magazine", etc. We also recall the over 80 **open problems**, among which some may constitute topics of research for the mathematicians of tomorrow. Some elegant and ingenious problems are solved/resolved in the pages of this magazine. The journal also contains problems translated from foreign magazines ("Kvant", A.M.M.) or foreign collections, problems given at olympiads of mathematics from other countries (Spain, Belgium, Tunisia, Morocco, etc.) as well as from our country (GMB, RMT, Matematikai Lapok) some with solutions or even with generalizations of problems from the magazines mentioned above.

Also, over one hundred "Where is the fault? (in demonstrations)" notes of mathematics.

There have been over 130 papers for vulgarization of mathematics or matters concerning inter disciplinarity, mathematics and other domains (physics, phylosophy, psychology, etc.) or even of creation.

The column "Mini Mathematical History", sustained regularity by Prof. M. Bencze, schematically presented approximately 150 Roumanian and foreign biographies of mathematicians.

Among the collaborators included for the magazine (other than the students, who are the most numerous for in fact it is their magazine) are professors, engineers, computer science specialists, and university faculty. Many are recognized in their field of specialty.

The foreign collaborators (Dr.E.Grosswald, Dr.Leroy F. Meyers (U.S.A.), Prof. Francisco Bellot (Spain), are famous in the world of Mathematics. Additionally, the Editorial office sporadically published Mathematical paradoxes, cross words, "Mathematical Poems", and columns (such as"... did you know that.."), graphic themes and mottos (let us better call them, words of wisdom) of famous people.

It remains Long Live Mathematics.

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## LA MULȚI ANI ÎN MATEMATICI!

Prin bunăvoința profesorului Gane Policarp am intrat în posesia mai multor numere din "Caietul de informare matematică, alcătuit cu migală și pricepere, care m-a atras și îndemnat de la început să colaborez cu mici materiale.

Preocuparea redactorilor pentru prezentarea problemelor date la concursuri și olimpiade școlare, la examene de treaptă, bacalaureate m-a determinat să-i acord un loc de cinste în modesta mea bibliotecă, și să lucrez cu elevi de-ai mei probleme propuse aici, unii dintre ei înscriindu-și numele la rubrica rezolvitorilor.

Acum aflu cu o surprindere plăcută că revista matematicienilor câmpineni împlinește 10 ani de existență neîntreruptă.

Drum lung și în continuare!

*(Ianuarie 1988)*

# DEDUCIBILITY THEOREMS IN MATHEMATICS LOGIC

## SUMMARY

In this paper I shall give two own theorems from the Propositional Calculus of the "Mathematics Logic" with their consequences and applications.

### § 1. THEOREMS, CONSEQUENCES

In the beginning I shall put forward the axioms of the Propositional Calculus.

- I. a)  $\vdash A \supset (B \supset A),$   
b)  $\vdash (A \supset (B \supset C)) \supset ((A \supset B) \supset (A \supset C)).$
- II. a)  $\vdash A \wedge B \supset A,$   
b)  $\vdash A \wedge B \supset B,$   
c)  $\vdash (A \supset B) \supset ((A \supset C) \supset (A \supset B \wedge C)).$
- III. a)  $\vdash A \supset A \vee B,$   
b)  $\vdash B \supset A \vee B,$   
c)  $\vdash (A \supset C) \supset ((B \supset C) \supset (A \vee B \supset C)).$
- IV. a)  $\vdash (A \supset B) \supset (\bar{B} \supset \bar{A}),$   
b)  $\vdash A \supset \bar{\bar{A}}.$   
c)  $\vdash \bar{\bar{A}} \supset A$

**THEOREM.** If:  $\vdash A_i \supset B_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ , then

$$1) \vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset B_1 \wedge B_2 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n,$$

$$2) \vdash A_1 \vee A_2 \vee \dots \vee A_n \supset B_1 \vee B_2 \vee \dots \vee B_n.$$

*Proof:*

It is made by complete induction. For  $n = 1$ :  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1$ ,

let's show that  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1$  (obviously). For  $n = 2$ : hypothesis

$\vdash A_1 \supset B_1, \vdash A_2 \supset B_2$ ; let's show that  $\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_1 \wedge B_2$ . We use the axiom II, c) replacing  $A \rightarrow A_1 \wedge A_2, B \rightarrow B_1, C \rightarrow B_2$  it results:

$$(1) \vdash (A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_1) \supset ((A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_2) \supset (A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_1 \wedge B_2)).$$

We use the axiom II, a) replacing  $A \rightarrow A_1, B \rightarrow A_2$ ; we have

$$\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset A_1. \text{ But } \vdash A_1 \supset B_1 \text{ (hypothesis) applying}$$

the syllogism rule, it result  $\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_1$ . Analogously,

using the axiom II, b), we have  $\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_2$ . We know

that  $\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_i, i = 1, 2$ , are deducible, then applying in

(I) inference rule twice, we have  $\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_1 \wedge B_2$ .

We suppose it's true for  $n$ ; let's prove that for  $n + 1$  it is

true. In  $\vdash A_1 \wedge A_2 \supset B_1 \wedge B_2$  replacing  $A_1 \rightarrow A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n, A_2 \rightarrow A_{n+1}, B_1 \rightarrow B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n, B_2 \rightarrow B_{n+1}$  and using induction

hypothesis it results  $\vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge A_{n+1} \supset B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n \wedge B_{n+1}$  and item 1) from the Theorem is proved.

2) It is made by induction. For  $n = 1$ ; if  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1$ , then  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1$ . For  $n = 2$ : if  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1$  and  $\vdash A_2 \supset B_2$ , then  $\vdash A_1 \vee A_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$ .

We use axiom III, c) replacing  $A \rightarrow A_1$ ,  $B \rightarrow A_2$ ,  $C \rightarrow B_1 \vee B_2$  we get

$$(2) \quad \vdash (A_1 \supset B_1 \vee B_2) \supset ((A_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2) \supset (A_1 \vee A_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2)).$$

Let's show that  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$ . We use the axiom III, a) replacing  $A \rightarrow B_1$ ,  $B \rightarrow B_2$  we get  $\vdash B_1 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$  and we know from the hypothesis  $A_1 \supset B_1$ . Applying the syllogism we get:  $\vdash A_1 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$ .

In the axiom III, b) replacing  $A \rightarrow B_1$ ,  $B \rightarrow B_2$ , we get  $\vdash B_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$ . But  $\vdash A_2 \supset B_2$  (from the hypothesis, applying the syllogism we get  $\vdash A_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$ . Applying the inference rule twice in (2) we get  $\vdash A_1 \vee A_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$ .

Suppose it's true  $n$  and let's show that for  $n + 1$  it is true.

Replace in  $\vdash A_1 \vee A_2 \supset B_1 \vee B_2$  (true formula if

$\vdash A_1 \supset B_1$  and  $\vdash A_2 \supset B_2$ )  $A_1 + A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n$ ,  $A_n + A_{n+1}$ ,  $B_1 \rightarrow B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n$ ,  $B_2 \rightarrow B_{n+1}$ . From induction hypothesis it

results  $\vdash A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n \vee A_{n+1} \supset B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n \vee B_{n+1}$  and the Theorem is proved.

## CONSEQUENCES

1° If  $\vdash A_i \supset B, i = \overline{1, n}$ , then  $\vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset B$ .

2° If  $\vdash A_i \supset B, i = \overline{1, n}$ , then  $\vdash A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n \supset B$ .

*Proof:* 1°) Using 1) from the Theorem, we get

3)  $\vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset B \wedge \dots \wedge B$  ( $n$  times).

In axiom II, a) we replace  $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow B \wedge \dots \wedge B$  ( $n-1$  times), we get

(4)  $\vdash B \wedge \dots \wedge B \supset B$  ( $n$  times)

From (3) and (4) by means of the syllogism rule we get

$\vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset B$ .

2°) Using 2) from Theorem, we get

$\vdash A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n \supset B \vee \dots \vee B$  ( $n$  times).

**LEMMA.**  $\vdash B \vee \dots \vee B \supset B$  ( $n$  times),  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof:*

It is made by induction. For  $n = 1$ , obviously. For  $n = 2$ : in axiom III, c) we replace  $A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow B$  and we get

$\vdash (B \supset B) \supset ((B \supset B) \supset (B \vee B \supset B))$ . Applying the

inference rule twice we get  $\vdash B \vee B \supset B$ .

Suppose for  $n$  that the formula is deducible, let's prove that is for  $n + 1$ .

We proved that  $\vdash B \supset B$ . In axiom III, c) we replace

$A \rightarrow B \vee \dots \vee B$  ( $n$  times),  $C \rightarrow B$ , and we get  $\vdash (B \vee \dots \vee B \supset B) \supset ((B \supset B) \supset (B \vee \dots \vee B \supset B))$  ( $n$  times). Applying two



times the inference rule, we get  $\vdash B \vee \dots \vee B \supset B$  ( $n+1$  times)  
so Lemma is proved.

From  $\vdash A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n \supset B \vee \dots \vee B$  ( $n$  times) and applying  
the syllogism rule, from Lemma we get  $\vdash A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n \supset B$ .

$$3^0) \vdash A \wedge \dots \wedge A \supset A \text{ (} n \text{ times)}$$

$$4^0) \vdash A \vee \dots \vee A \supset A \text{ (} n \text{ times).}$$

Previously we proved, replacing in Consequences 1<sup>0</sup>) and  
2<sup>0</sup>),  $B \rightarrow A$ . Analogously, the consequences are proven:

$$5^0) \text{ If } \vdash A \supset B_i, i = \overline{1, n}, \text{ then } \vdash A \supset B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n.$$

$$6^0) \text{ If } \vdash A \supset B_i, i = \overline{1, n}, \text{ then } \vdash A \supset B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n.$$

Analogously,

$$7^0) \vdash A \supset A \wedge \dots \wedge A \text{ (} n \text{ times)}$$

$$8^0) \vdash A \supset A \vee \dots \vee A \text{ (} n \text{ times)}$$

$$9^0) \vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n.$$

*Proof:*

The method I. It is initially proved by induction:

$\vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset A_i, i = \overline{1, n}$  and 2) is applied from the  
Theorem.

The method II. It is proven by iduction that:

$\vdash A_i \supset A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n, i = \overline{1, n}$  and then 1) is applied from the  
Theorem.

$$10^0) \text{ If } \vdash A_i \supset B_i, i = \overline{1, n}, \text{ then } \vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset \\ \supset B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n$$

*Proof:*

Method I. Using 1) from the Theorem, it results:

$$(5) \quad \vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n$$

We apply the Conseq. 9<sup>o</sup>) Where we replace  $A_i \rightarrow B_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  and results:

$$(6) \quad \vdash B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n \supset B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n.$$

From (5) and (6), applying the syllogism rule we get 10<sup>o</sup>).

Method II. We firstly use the Conseq. 9<sup>o</sup>) and then 2) from the Theorem and so we the Conseq. 10<sup>o</sup>).

## § 2. APPLICATIONS AND REMARKS ON THEOREMS

The theorems are used in order to prove the formulae of the shape:

$$\vdash A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_p \supset B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_r,$$

$$\vdash A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_p \supset B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_r, \text{ where } p, r \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

It is proven that  $\vdash A_i \supset B_j$ , i.e.

$$\forall i \in \overline{1, p}, \exists j_o \in \overline{1, r}, j_o = j_o(i), \quad \vdash A_i \supset B_{j_o}$$

and

$$\forall j \in \overline{1, r}, \exists i_o \in \overline{1, p}, i_o = i_o(j), \quad \vdash A_{i_o} \supset B_j.$$

**EXAMPLES.** The following formulae are deducible:

$$(i) \quad \vdash A \supset (A \vee B) \wedge (B \supset A),$$

$$(ii) \quad \vdash (A \wedge B) \vee C \supset A \vee B \vee C,$$

$$(iii) \quad \vdash A \wedge C \supset A \vee C$$

*Solution:*

(i) We have  $\vdash A \supset A \vee B$  and  $\vdash A \supset (B \supset A)$  (axiom III, a) and I, a)) and according 1) from Theorem it results (i).

(ii) From  $\vdash A \supset (B \supset A)$ ,  $\vdash A \wedge B \supset B$ ,  $\vdash C \supset C$  and Theorem 1), we have (ii).

(iii) Method I. From  $\vdash A \wedge C \supset A$ ,  $\vdash A \wedge C \supset C$  and Theorem 2), Method II. From  $\vdash A \supset A \vee C$ ,  $\vdash C \supset A \vee C$  and using Theorem 1).

**REMARKS.** 1) The reciprocals of Theorem 1) and 2) are not always true.

a) Antiexample for Theorem 1). The formula  $\vdash A \wedge B \supset A \wedge A$  is deducible from axiom II, a),  $\vdash A \wedge A \supset A$  (Conseq. 7<sup>o</sup>) and syllogism rule. But  $\vdash A \supset A$  for all, that the formula  $B \supset A$  is not deducible, so the reciprocal of the Theorem 1) is false.

Antiexample for Theorem 2). The formula  $\vdash A \vee A \supset A \vee B$  is deducible from Lemma, axiom III, a) and applying the syllogism rule. But  $\vdash A \supset A$  for all, that the formula  $A \supset B$  is not deducible, so the reciprocal of Theorem 2) is false.

2) The contraries of Theorem 1) and 2) are not always true. Antiexamples:

a) for Theorem 1):  $\vdash A \supset A$  and  $B \supset A$  results that  $\vdash A \wedge B \supset A \wedge A$  so the contrary of Theorem 1) is false:

b) for Theorem 2):  $\vdash A \supset A$  and  $A \not\supset B$  results that  $\vdash A \vee A \supset A \vee B$  so the contrary of Theorem 2) is false.

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# LINGUISTIC – MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS IN RECENT ROMANIAN POETRY

"Mathematics is logical enough to be able to detect the internal logics of poetry and "crazy enough not to lag behind the poetic ineffable" (Solomon Marcus).

The author of this article aims a statistic investigation of a recently published volume of poetry [3] which will make possible some more general conclusions on the evolution of poetry in the XX-th century (be the literary current hermetism, surrealism or any other). Certain modifications in the structure of poetry occurred in its evolution from classicism to modernism are also presented. Men of letters have never agreed with mathematics and, especially, with its interference in art. Let us quote one of them: "Remarquez que, a mon avis, tout littérature est grotesque ... (...) La seule excuse de l'écrivain c'est de se rendre compte qu'il joue, que la littérature est un jeu" (Eugène Ionesco). Well, if literature is a game why could not be subjected to mathematical investigation?

The book chosen for this study (see [3]) contains 44 poems (for which the first and the last are sort of poem essays on Romanian poetry). It comprises over 250 sentences, over 700 verses, over 2,500 words and over 11,700 letters (not sounds).

## MORPHOLOGICAL ASPECTS

1. The frequency of words depending on the grammatical category they belong to.

1. Nouns	35.592%	"empty words 40.271%
2. Verbo (predicat. moods)	13.079%	
3. Adjectives	6.183%	
4. Adverbs	4.829%	
"Full" words	59.729%	

2. The average distribution of "full" words<sup>1</sup> per verses (lines), sentences, poems

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a) 1.255	nouns/line
b) 0.461	verbs (p.m)/line
c) 0.218	adjectives/line
d) 0.172	adverbs/line

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e) 3.464	nouns/sentence
f) 1.273	verbs (p.m)/sentence
g) 0.602	adjectives/sentence
h) 0.475	adverbs/sentence

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i) 20.393	nouns/poem
j) 7.492	verbs (p.m)/poem
k) 3.543	adjectives/poem
l) 2.795	adverbs/poem

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We may conclude:

CONJECTURE 1. In the recent Romanian poetry the percentage of adjectives is, on an average, under 15% of the total of words.

CONJECTURE 2. The percentage of verbs (predicative moods) is, on an average, under 15% of the total of words.

In the support of conjectures 1 and 2 we also mention:

- only one in six nouns is modified by an adjective, i.e. the role of the adjective diminishes and there are poems with no adjectives (see [3] - p.9, 12,20);

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1. The "full" words category includes - according to the author - nouns, verbs (predicative moods only), adjectives and adverbs. The "empty" words category includes verbs (i.e. infinitives, gerunds, poet participles, supines), numerals, articles, pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections. The same terminology was also used by Solomon Marcus in his "Poetica matematica" published by Ed. Academiei, Bucharest, 1970 (it was translated in German and published by Athenäum, Frankfurt-am-Mein, 1973).

- on an average, there is one verb in a predicative mood in more than two lines, i.e. the role of the verbal predicate decreases and there are poems with no verbal predicates (see [3] - p.20);

From classicism to modernism both adjectives and verbal predicates gradually but constantly regressed).

- the poetry of the young; poets is characterized by economy of words and, implicitly, by the avoidance of the overused words; the adjectives were favoured by the romantics and the young poets feel the necessity to "renew" poetry.

- this renewal and effort to avoid the trivial may be also helped by elimination of adjectives.

The strict use of adjectives or verbal predicates is also accounted for by the characteristics of the two main literary currents of our century.

a) hermetism - appeared after the World War I - consists, mainly in the hyper intellectualization of language and its codification; an adjective (i.e. an explanation concerning an object) or the predicative mood of a verb (strict definition of the grammatical tense) may diminish the degree of ambiguity, generalization or abstraction intended by the poet.

b) surrealism - a literary vanguard - aimed at detecting the irrational, the unconscious, the dream; because of its precise, definite character the adjective makes the reader "plunge" into the so carefully avoided real world.

**CONJECTURE 3.** In the recent Romanian poetry percentage of "full" words is over 55% of the total words.

Unlike in the spoken language in which the percentage of "full" and "empty" words is equal (see [1]) in poetry the percentage of "full" words is greater. This is due to the fact that poetry is essence, it is dense, concentrated. The percentage of "full" words and the "density" of a literary work are directly proportional.

As a conclusion to the three conjectures we may say that:

- in its evolution from classicism to modernism the percentage of nouns increased, while that of verbs decreased, less adverbs are used, on the other hand, because of the smaller number of verbs. In all, however, the percentage of "full" words increased.

### 3. The frequency of the nouns with and without an article.

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1. Percentage of nouns with an article	- 47.884%
2. Percentage of nouns without an article	- 52.116%

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CONJECTURE 4. in the recent Romanian poetry the number of nouns with an article is, on an average, smaller than the number of those without an article. With an article the noun is more definite, specified which are characteristics undesirable from the same viewpoint as that mentioned above. That is why the indefinite article is favoured in modern poetry. The consequence of this preferred indefinite character of the noun enlarges the abstraction, generalization, ambiguity and, hence, the "density" of the poem. (see also the second part of assertions 1 and 2 and that the statistical conjecture 3). In its evolution from classicism to modernism the number of nouns without in article used in poetry also increased.

### 4. The frequency of nouns depending on the grammatical case they belong to.

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Nominative	Genitive	Dative	Accusative	Vocative
29.497%	19.888%	0.335%	50.056%	0.224%
2	3	4	1	5

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CONJECTURE 5. In the poems under study, over 75% of the nouns are accusative or nominative.

5. Sentences, lines, words. syllables, letters - average relationships

a)	2.402	letters/syllable
b)	1.933	syllables/word
c)	4.643	letters/word
d)	3.528	words/line
e)	6.820	syllables/line
f)	16.380	letters/line
g)	2.760	lines/sentence
h)	9.737	words/sentence
i)	18.823	syllables/sentence
j)	45.208	letters/sentence
k)	5.887	sentences/poem
l)	16.250	lines/poem
m)	57.330	words/poem
n)	110.825	syllables/poem
o)	266.175	letters/poem

Conclusion: the poems are of medium length, the lines are short while the sentences are, again, of medium length.

6. The frequency of words according to their length (in syllables)

1 syllab,	2s.	3s.	4s.	5s.	6s.
41.509%	32.069%	19.363%	5.688%	1.371%	0.000%
order 1	2	3	4	5	6

The total number of syllables in the volume is ... 4,800. The frequency of words and their length (in syllables) are in inverse ratio. Long words seem "less poetical".

CONJECTURE 6. In the recent Romanian poetry the percentage of words of one and two syllables is ... 75%. Again, it seems that short and very short words (of one and two syllables) seem more adequate to satisfy the internal rhythm of the poem. Longer words already have their own rhythm dictated by the juxtaposition of the syllables; it is very probable that this rhythm come into ... with the rhythm imposed by the poem. Shorter words are more easily uttered; longer words seem to render the text more difficult.

7. The frequency of words according to their length (in letters)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
letter													
3.604%	25.426%	8.475%	11.089%	13.347%	13.149%	13.703%	5.861%	3.129%	1.149%	0.752%	0.237%	0.079%	0.000%
order													
8	1	6	5	3	4	2	7	9	10	11	12	13	14

In the whole volume there are only two words of 13 letters and 6 of twelve. A... 90% of the words consist of no more than 7 letters.

CONJECTURE 7. In the recent Romanian poetry the percentage of the two letter words is, on an average, about 25% of the words. On fact, the same percentage, or even higher, is found in the ordinary language. Because of esthetic reasons in poetry there is a slight tendency of reducing the frequency of the two letter words - which are, especially, prepositions and conjunctions -.

## 8. The frequency of the letters

The order of the letter	letter	the average % of the frequency of the letter	the average % of the average % of vowels	The average % of cons
1.	E	11.994%		
2.	I	10.166%		
3.	A	8.406%		
4.	R	7.680%		
5.	N	6.407%		
7.	T	5.792%		
8.	L	5.237%		
9.	C	5.143%	46.865%	
10.	S	4.220%		
11.	O	3.699%		
12.	P	3.451%		
13.	A	3.417%		53.135%
14.	M	3.178%		
15.	D	2.981%		
16.	T	2.828%		
17.	V	1.435%		
18.	G	1.4.8%		
19.	B	1.358%		
20.	\$	1.281%		
21.	F	1.179%		
22.	Z	0.846%		
23.	T	0.803%		
24.	H	0.496%		
25.	J	0.196%		
26.	X	0.034%		
27.	A	0.008%		
28- 31	K	0.000%		
28- 31	Q	0.000%		
28- 31	Y	0.000%		
28- 31	W	0.000%		

CONJECTURE 8. In the recent Romanian poetry the percentage of vowels is, on an average, over 45% of the total of letters.

Explanation: In the ordinary language the percentage of vowels is 42.7% (see [1]). In poetry it is greater because:

- vowels are more "musical" than consonants; therefore the words with more vowels "seem" more poetical; words with many vowels confer a special sonority to the text,

- modern poets and poetry are more preoccupied by form than by content, so that more attention is given to expression; the form may prejudice the content, because, very often, the reader is "caught" by sonority and less by essence.

- the internal rhythm of poetry, usually absent in the ordinary language is also conditioned, partially, by a greater number of vowels.

- rhyme, when used, also favours a greater percentage of vowels.

The percentage of vowels was greater in the period of classicism of poetry when the rhythm and rhyme were more frequently used. The special requirements of poetry impose a thorough filtration of the ordinary language.

Given the frequency of the letters in the Romanian language [1] in general:

1.E	5.N	9.L	13.D	17.S	21.F	25.J
2.I	6.T	10.S	14.P	18.B	22.T	16.X
3.A	7.U	11.O	15.M	19.V	23.Z	27.K
4.R	8.C	12.A	16.I	20.G	24.H	

we may calculate the deviation of this volume of verse from the ordinary language:

$$\alpha(v) = \frac{1}{27} \sum_{i=1}^{27} |\alpha(A_i)| \approx 0.741$$

where  $\alpha(A_i)$  is the deviation of the letter  $A_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 27$

The informational energy, according to O. Onicescu, is:

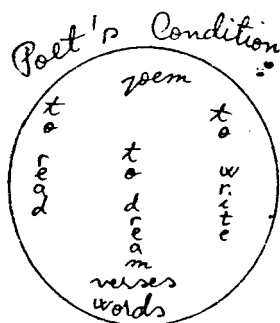
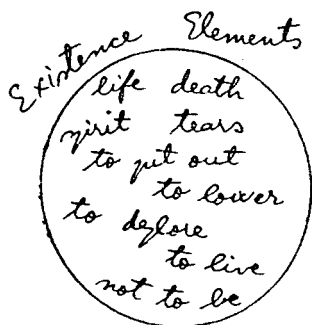
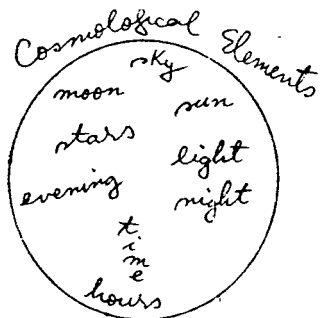
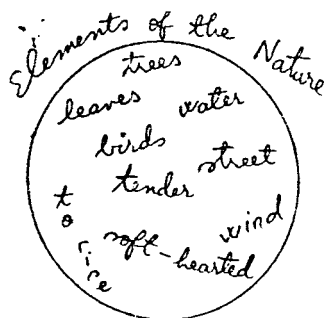
$$\mathcal{E}(v) = \sum_{i=1}^{27} p_i^2 \approx 0.064 \text{ where } p_i, 1 \leq i \leq 27 \text{ is the}$$

probability that the letter  $p_i$  may appear in the volume (see[1].

The first order entropy of the volume (according to Shannon) is:

$$H_1(v) = - \frac{1}{\log_{10} 2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{27} p_i \log_{10} p_i \approx 4.222$$

9. The themes of the volume are studied by determining the recurrent elements, those that seem to obsess the poet. We will call these elements "key-words" and they are, in order: nouns, verbs, adjectives. Their frequency in the volume is studied. The more frequent words are all included in common notional spheres that will "decode" the themes dealt with by the poet in the volume under study, i.e.:



These 33 key-words (together with their synonyms) confer a certain pastoral note (this was noticed by Constantin Matei, the newspaper "Înainte", Craiova), cosmological (Constantin M. Popa) existentialist nuances (Aureliu Goci, "Luceafărul", Bucharest); the preoccupation of the poet for the condition of the poet and society (Ion Pachia Tatomirescu, Craiova) is also revealed by the frequent use of certain suggestive words.

Of all the words, 33 key-words together with their synonyms have the greatest frequency in the volume.

10. The frequency of words and phrases strongly deviated from the "normal", i.e. the rules of the literary language is about 1.980 of the total of words. (We mean expressions like: "state of self", "very near myself", "it is raining at plus infinite" or words like "nontime", etc. (see [3], p. 9,29,40,31).

CONJECTURE 9. In the recent Romanian poetry the percentage of words and phrases that strongly deviated from the "normal" of the ordinary language as well as the rules of the literary language is slightly over 1. This fact may be accounted for by:

- content seems less important; poets are more concerned with form;

- poets invent words and expressions to be able to better reveal their feelings and emotions;

- the association of antonyms may give birth to constructions that, somehow "violate" the normal;

- poetry is, in fact, destined to break the rules and rebel against the ordinary fact (if, this right denied any newspaper article could be called poetry).

"In art" said Voltaire, "rules are only meant to be broken".

In its evaluation from classicism to modernism the percentage of such abnormal words and constructions increased, starting, in fact, from zero. Modern literary currents favour the appearance of them.

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# **A MATHEMATICAL LINGUISTIC APPROACH TO REBUS**

## **INTRODUCTIION**

The aim of paper is the investigation of some combinatorial aspects of written language, within the framework determined by the well-known game of crossword puzzles. Various types of probabilistic regularities appearing in such puzzles reveal some hidden, not well known restrictions operating in the field of natural languages. Most of the restrictions of this type are similar in each natural language. Our direct concern will be the Romanian language.

Our research may have some relevance for the phonostatistics of Romanian. The distribution of phonemes and letters is established for a corpus of a deviant morphological structure with respect to the standard language. Another aspect of our research may be related to the socalled tabular reading in poetry. The correlation horizontal-vertical considered in the first part of the paper offers some suggestions concerning a bidimensional investigation of the poetic sing.

Our investigation is concerned with the Romanian crossword puzzles published in [4]. Various concepts concerning crossword puzzles are borrowed from N.Andrei [3]. Mathematical linguistic concepts are borrowed from S,Marcus [1] and S.Marcus - E.Nicolau - S.Stati [2].

## **SECTION 1. THE GRILL**

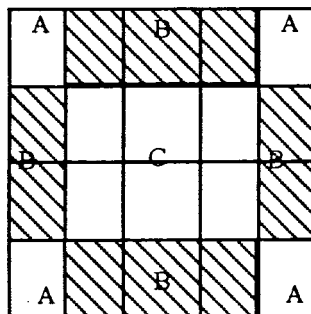
### **§ 1. MATHEMATICAL RESEARCHES ON GRILIS**

It is known that a word in a grill is limited on the left and



right side either by a black point or by a grill final border.

We will take into account the words consisting of one letter (though they are not clued in the Rebus), and those of two (even they have no sense (e.g. N T, RU, ...)), three or more letters - even they represent that category of rare words (foreign localities, rivers etc., abbreviations etc. which are not found in the Romanian Language Dictionary (see [3], p.82-307 ("Rebus glossary"))).



The grills have both across and down words.

We divide the grill into 3 zones:

- a) the four peaks of the grill (zone A)
- b) grill border (without the four peaks) (zone B)
- c) grill middle zone (zone C)

We assume that the grill has  $n \cdot m$  ( $n$  lines and  $m$  columns) and  $p$  black points.

Then:

**Proposition 1.** The words overall number (across and down) of the grill is equal to  $n + m + pNB + 2 \cdot pNC$ ,

where  $pNB$  = black points number in zone B,

$pNC$  = black points number in zone C.

*Proof:* We consider initially the grill without any black point. Then it has  $n + m$  words.

– If we put a black point in zone A, the words number is the same. (So it does not matter how many black points are found in zone A).

– If we put a black point in zone  $B$ , e.g. on line 1 and column  $j$   $i < j < m$ , words number increases with one unit (because on line 1, two words were formed (before there was only one), and on column  $j$  one word rests, too). The case is analogous if we put a black point on column 1 and line  $i$ ,  $1 < i < n$  (the grill may be reversed: the horizontal line becomes the vertical line and vice versa). Then, for each point in zone  $B$  a word is added to the grill words overall number.

– If we put a black point in zone  $C$ , let us say  $i$ ,  $1 < i < n$ , and column  $j$ ,  $1 < j < m$ , then the words number increases by two: both on line  $i$  and column  $j$  two words appear now, different from the previous case, when only one word was there on each line. Thus, for each black point in zone  $C$ , two words are added at the grill words overall number. From this proof results:

**Corollary 1.** Minimum number of words of grill  $n \times m$  is  $n + m$ . Actually, this statement is achieved when we do not have any black point in zones  $B$  and  $C$ .

**Corollary 2.** Maximum number of words of a grill  $n \times m$  having  $p$  black points is  $n + m + 2p$  and it is achieved when all  $p$  black points are found in zone  $C$ .

**Corollary 3.** A grill  $n \times m$  having  $p$  black points will have a minimum number of words when we fix first the black points in zone  $A$ , then in zone  $B$  (alternatively – because is not allowed to have two or more black points juxtaposed), and the rest in zone  $C$ .

**Proposition 2.** The difference between words number on the horizontal and on the vertical of a grill  $n \times m$  is  $n - m + pNBO - pNBV$ ,

where  $pNBO$  = black points number in zone  $BO$ ,

$pNBV$  = black points number in zone  $BV$ .

We divide zone  $B$  into two parts:

- zone  $BO = B$  zone horizontal part (line 1 and  $n$ )

- zone  $BV = B$  zone vertical part (line 1 and  $m$ ).

The proof of this proposition follows the previous one and uses its results.

If we do not have any black point in the grill, the difference between the words on the horizontal and those on the vertical line is  $n - m$ .

- If we have a black point in zone  $A$ , the difference does not change. The same for zone  $C$ .

- If we have a black point in zone  $BO$ , then the difference will be  $n - m - 1$ . From this proposition 2 results.

**Proposition 3.** A grill  $n \times m$  has  $n + pNBO + pNC$  words on the horizontal and  $m + pNBV + pNC$  words on the vertical.

The first solving method uses the results of propositions 1 and 2.

The second method straightly calculates from propositions 1 and 2 the across and down words number (their sum (proposition 1) and difference (proposition 2) are known).

**Proposition 4.** Words man length (=letters number ) of a grill  $n \times m$  with  $p$  black points is  $\geq \frac{2(nm - p)}{n + m + 2p}$ .

Actually, the maximum words number is  $n + m + 2p$ , the letters number is  $nm - p$ , and each letter is included in two words: one across and anther down. One grill is the more crossed the smaller the number of the words consisting of one or two letters and of black points (assuming that it meets the other known restrictions).

Because in the Romanian grills the black points percentage is max.

15% out of the total (rounding off the value at the closer

integer – e.g. 15% with a grill  $13 \times 13$  equals  $25.35 \approx 25$ ; with a grill  $12 \times 12$  is  $21.6 \approx 22$ ), so for the previous properties, for grills  $n \times m$  with  $p$  black points we replace  $p$  by  $\left\lceil \frac{3}{20} \right\rceil nm$ , where  $[x] = \max\{\alpha \in \mathbb{N} \mid |\alpha - x| \leq 0.5\}$ .

## §2. STATISTIC RESEARCHES ON GRILLS

In [1] we find the notion "écart of a sound  $x$ ", denoted by  $\alpha(x)$ , which equals the difference between the rank of  $x$  in Romanian and the rank of  $x$  in the analysed text.

We will extend this notion to the notion of a *text écart* which will be denoted by:  $\alpha(t)$ , and

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha(A_i)|$$

where  $\alpha(A_i)$  is  $A_i$  sound écart (in [1]) and  $n$  represents distinct sounds number in text  $t$ . (If there are letters in the alphabet which are not found in the analysed text, these will be written in the frequency table giving them the biggest order.)

**Proposition 1.** We have a double inequality:

$$0 \leq \alpha(t) \leq \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \text{ where } [y] \text{ represents the whole part of real number } y.$$

Actually, the first inequality is evident.

$$\text{Let } \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_n \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then } \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha(A_i)| = \sum_{i=1}^n |i - j_i|$$

This permutation constitutes a mathematical pattern of the two frequency tables of sounds; in Romanian (the first line), in text  $t$  (the second line).

For permutation  $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ n & n-1 & \dots & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |i - j_i| = 2[(n-1) + (n-3) + (n-5) + \dots] = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} (n-2k+1) =$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( n - \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right],$$

where from  $\alpha(t) = \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right]$ .

By induction with respect to  $n \geq 2$ , we prove now the sum

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n |i - j_i| \text{ has max. value for permutation } \psi.$$

For  $n = 2$  and  $3$  it is easily checked directly. Let us suppose the assertion true for values  $< n + 2$ . Let us show for  $n + 2$ :

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n+1 & n+2 \\ n+2 & n+1 & \dots & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Removing the first and last column, we get:

$$\psi' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \dots & n+1 \\ n+1 & \dots & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is a permutation of  $n$  elements and for which  $S$  will have the same value as for permutation

$$\psi'' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & n \\ n & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. max. value ( $\psi''$  was obtained from  $\psi'$  by diminishing each element by one).

The permutation of 2 elements  $\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n+2 \\ n+2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  gives maximum value for  $S$ . But  $\psi$  is achieved from  $\psi'$  and  $\eta$ :

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$$\psi(i) = \begin{cases} \psi'(i), & \text{if } i \notin \{1, n+2\} \\ \eta(i), & \text{contrary} \end{cases}$$

*Remark:* The bigger one text écart, the bigger the "angle of deviation" from the usual language.

It would be interesting to calculate, for example, the écart of a poem.

Then the notion of écart could be extended more:

a) the écart of a word being equal to the difference between word order in language and word order in the text;

b) the écart of a text (ref. words):

$$\alpha_c(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_c(a_i)|,$$

where  $\alpha_c(a_i)$  is word  $a_i$  écart, and  $n$  – distinct words number in text  $t$ .

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We give below some rebus statistic data. By examining 150 grills [4] we obtained the following results:

*Occurrence frequency of words in the grill, depending on their lenght (in letters)*

Letter order	Letter	Letter occurrence mean percentage	Vowels mean percentage	Consonants mean percentage
1	A	15.741%		
2	I	12.849%		
3	T	9.731%		
4	R	9.411%		

Letter order	Letter	Letter occurrence mean percentage	Vowels mean percentage	Consonants mean percentage
5	E	8.981%	47.462%	52.538%
6	O	5.537%		
7	N	5.053%		
8	U	4.354%		
9	S	4.352%		
10	C	4.249%		
11	L	4.248%		
12	M	4.010%		
13	P	3.689%		
14	D	1.723%		
15	B	1.344%		
16	G	1.290%		
17	F	0.860%		
18	V	0.806%		
19	Z	0.752%		
20	H	0.537%		
21	X	0.430%		
22	J	0.053%		
23	K	0.000%		

It is seen that a percentage of 49,035% consists of the words formed only of 1, 2 or 3 letters; – of course, there are lots of uncomplete words.

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The study of 50 grills resulted in:

*Occurrence frequency of letters in a grill* (see next page)

It is noticed that vowels percentage in the grill (47.462%) exceeds the vowels percentage in language (42.7%).

So, we can generalize the following:

*Statistical proposition (1):* In a grill, the vowels number tends to be almost equal to 47.5% of the total number of the letters.

Here is some evidence: one word with  $n$  syllables has at least  $n$  vowels (in Romanian there is no syllable without vowel (see [2])).

The vowels percentage in Romanian is 42.7%; because a grill is assumed to from words across and down the vowels number will increase. Also, the last two lines and columns are endings of other words in the grill; thus they will have usually more vowels. When black points number decreases, vowels number will increase (in order to have an easier crossing, you need either more black points or more vowels). (A vowel has a bigger probability to enter in the compentence of a word than a consonant.)

Especially in "record grills" (see [3], p. 33-48) the vowels and consonants alternance is noticed. Another criterion for estimating the grill value is the bigger deviation from this "statistical law" (the exception confirms the rule!): i.e. the smaller the vowel percentage in a grill, the bigger its value.

*Statistical proposition (2):* Generally the horizontal words number 73 equals the vertical one.

Here is the following evidence: 100 classical grills were experimenrally analysed, in [4], getting the percentage of 49.932% horizontal words. Usually the classical grills are square clues, the difference between the horizontal and vertical words being (see Proposition 2):

$$n - m + pNBO - pNBV = pNBO - pNBV.$$

The difference between the black points number in zone  $BO$  and zone  $BV$  can not be too big ( $\pm 1$ ,  $\pm 2$  and rarely  $\pm 3$ ). (Usually, there are not many black points in zone B, because it iz not economical in crossing (see proof of Proposition 1)).



Taking from [1] the following letters frequency in language:

1. E 5. N 9. L 13. P 17. G 21. J
2. I 6. T 10. S 14. M 18. F 22. X
3. A 7. U 11. O 15. B 19. Z 23. K
4. R 8. C 12. D 16. V 20. H

(because in the grill letters  $\ddot{A}$ ,  $\hat{A}$ ;  $\hat{I}$ ;  $\S$ ;  $\ddot{T}$ ; are replaced by A; I; S; T, respectively, in the above order they were cancelled) the ecart of the 150 grills becomes

$$\alpha(9) = \frac{1}{23} \sum_{i=1}^{23} |\alpha(A_i)| \approx 1,391;$$

the entropy is:  $H_1 = -\frac{1}{109_{10}^2} \sum_{i=1}^{23} P_i \log_{10} P_i \approx 3.865$

and the infomational energy (after O. Onicescu) is:

$$E(g) = \sum_{i=1}^{23} P_i^2 \approx 0.084.$$

Examining 50 grills we got:

*Words frequency in a grill with respect to the syllables number*

Mean percentage of occurrence of a word in a grill								Mean length of a word in syllables
1 syllable	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
35.588%	26.920%	21.765%	9.551%	5.294%	0.882%	0.000%	0.000%	2.246

(in the category of the one syllable-words, the words of one, two or. three letters, without any sense – rare words – were also considered.) It is seen that the percentage of words consisting of one and two syllables is 62.508% (high enough).

Another statistics (of 50 grills), concerning the predominant parts of speech in a grill has established the first three places:

1. nouns 45.441%
2. verbs 6.029%
3. adjectives 2.352%

Notice the large number of nouns.

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## SECTION II. REBUS CLUES

### § 1. STATISTICAL RESEARCHES ON REBUS CLUES

Studying the clues of 100 "clues grills", the following statistical data resulted:

*Rebus clues frequency according to their length (words number)*

It is noticed that the predominant clues are formed of 2, 3, or 4 words. For results obtained by investigating 100 "clues grills", see next page.

It is worth mentioning that vowels percentage (46.467%) from rebus clues exceeds vowels percentage in the language (42.7%).

By calculating the clues écart (in accordance with the previous formula) it results:

$$\alpha(dr) = \frac{1}{27} \sum_{i=1}^{27} |\alpha(A_i)| \approx 1.185$$

(sound frequency used by Solomon Marcus in [1] was used here), the entropy (Shannon) is:

$$H_1 = - \frac{1}{\text{Log}_{10}^2} \sum_{i=1}^{27} p_i \log_{10} p_i \approx 4.226$$

and informational energy (O. Onicescu) is:

$$E(dr) = \sum_{i=1}^{23} p_i^2 \approx 0.062.$$

(The calculations were done by means of a pocket calculator).

### *Letters occurrence frequency in the rebus clues*

Letter order	Letter	Mean percentage of letter occurrence in clues	Vowels percentage	Consonants mean percentage	Letters no. (mean) necessary to clue a grill	Mean length of a word (in letters) used in clues
1	E	10.996%	46.679%	53.321%	657.342	4.374
2	I	9.778%				
3	A	9.266%				
4	R	7.818%				
5	U	6.267%				
6	N	6.067%				
7	T	5.611%				
8	C	5.374%				
9	L	4.920%				
10	O	4.579%				
11	P	4.027%				
12	Ä	3.992%				
13	S	3.831%				
14	İ	3.309%				
15	D	3.079%				
16	İ	1.801%				
17	V	1.527%				
18	F	1.449%				
19	Ş	1.360%				
20	Ț	1.338%				
21	G	1.330%				
22	B	1.238%				
23	H	0.532%				
24	J	0.358%				
25	Z	0.092%				
26	X	0.037%				
27	K	0.024%				

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# HYPOTHESES SUR LA DETERMINATION D'UNE REGLE POUR LES JEUX DE MOTS CROISES

Les problèmes de mots croisés sont composés, on le sait, de grilles et de définitions. Dans la langue roumaine on impose la condition que le pourcentage de cases noires par rapport au nombre total de cases de la grille ne dépasse pas 15%.

Pourquoi 15%, et pas plus ou moins? C'est la question à laquelle cet article tente de répondre. (Cette question est due au Professeur Solomon NARCUS - symposium national de Mathématiques "Traian Lalesco", Université de Craiova, 10 juin 82.)

Voici tout d'abord un tableau qui présente de manière synthétique une statistique sur les grilles contenant un très faible pourcentage de cases noires (of. [2], pages 27-29):

**LES GRILLES -RECORDS:**

Dimension de la grille	Nombre minimum de cases noires enregistré	Pourcentage de cases noires	Nombre des grilles-records réalisées au 1 juin 82
8x8	0	0,000%	24
9x9	0	0,000%	3
10x10	3	3,000%	2
11x11	4	3,305%	1
12x12	8	5,555%	1
13x13	12	7,100%	1
14x14	14	7,142%	1
15x15	17	7,555%	1
16x16	20	7,812%	2

Dans ce tableau, plus la dimension est grande, plus de pourcentage de cases noires augmente, parce que le nombre de mots de grande longueur est réduit.

Les dimensions courantes des grilles vont de 10x10 à 15x15.

On peut remarquer que le nombre des grilles ayant un pourcentage de cases noires inférieur à 8% est très réduit: les totaux de la dernière colonne cumulent toutes les grilles réalisées en Roumanie depuis 1925 (apparition des premiers problèmes de mots croisés en Roumanie), jusqu'à nos jours. On voit donc que le nombre des grilles-records est négligeable quand on le compare aux milliers de grilles créées. Pour cette raison, la règle qui imposait le pourcentage des cases noires, devait l'établir supérieur à 8%. Mais les mots croisés étant des jeux, devaient gagner un large public, il ne fallait donc pas rendre les problèmes trop difficiles.

D'où un pourcentage de cases noires au moins égal à 10%.

Ils ne devaient pas non plus être trop faciles, c'est-à-dire ne nécessiter aucun effort de la part de celui qui les composerait, d'où un pourcentage de cases noires inférieur à 20%. (Sinon en effet il devient possible de composer des grilles formées en totalité de cases mots de 2 ou 3 lettres).

Pour soutenir la deuxième assertion, on a établi que la longueur moyenne des mots d'une grille  $n \times m$  avec  $p$  cases noires est sensiblement égale à  $\frac{2(n \cdot m - p)}{n + m + 2p}$  (cf. [3], § 1, Prop.4). Pour nous,  $p$  est 20% de  $n \cdot m$ , il en résulte que

$$\frac{2(n \cdot m - \frac{20}{100} n \cdot m)}{n + m + \frac{20}{100} n \cdot m} \leq 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \geq \frac{2}{15}.$$

Donc pour des grilles courantes ayant 20% de cases noires, la longueur moyenne des mots serait inférieure à 3.

Même dans les commencements des jeux de mots croisés, le pourcentage de cases noires n'était pas trop grand: ainsi dans une grille de 1925 de 11x11, on compte 33 cases noires, soit un pourcentage de 27,272% (of. [2], p.27).

En se développant, ce jeu s'est imposé des conditions "plus fortes" - c'est-à-dire une diminution des cases noires.

Pour choisir un pourcentage entre 10 et 20%, il ne reste plus qu'à supposer que la prédilection des gens pour les chiffres ronds a joué (les mots croisés sont un jeu, pas besoin de la précision mathématique de sciences). D'où la règle des 15%.

Une statistique (of. [3], § 2), montre que le pourcentage de cases noires dans les grilles actuelles est de environ 13,591%. La règle est donc relativement aisée à suivre et ne peut qu'attirer de nouveaux cruciverbistes.

Pour répondre complètement à la question posée, il faudrait considérer aussi certains aspects philosophiques, psychologiques, et surtout sociologiques, surtout ceux liés à l'histoire de ce jeu, à son développement ultérieur, aux traditions.

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## LIMBAJUL DEFINIȚIILOR REBUSISTE SPIRITUALE

„Limbaajul rebusist“ este undeva la granița dintre limbaajul științific și cel poate, având multe lucruri comune și cu limbaajul uzual și chiar muzical. (jocurile, deoarece au o anumită rezonanță acustică).

În timp ce carențele semantice având definiții directe (aproape de dicționar [3], p.50-56) al unui limbaaj apropiat de cel științific (chiar și de cel uzual prin modul simplu de exprimare) la ”careurile de definiții”. Limbaajul este apropiat de cel poetic. Există chiar definiții literare. (vezi [3] p.57, [4] care utilizează procedeele stilistice literare: ca metafora, comparația, alegoria, practică etc. Mai departe vom face o PARALELĂ ÎNTRE LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC, LIMBAJUL POETIC, LIMBAJUL REBUSIST (”CAREURILE DE DEFINIȚII”) urmărind îndeaproape regulile din [1] (cap. ”Opoziții între limbaajul științific și cel poetic”), rezultate pe care le vom restrânge și asupra limbaajului rebusist.

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-ipoteză rațională	-ipoteză emoțională	-ipoteză rațională + emoțională (citind definiția, te gândești o clipă, uneori o iei pe-o pistă greșită; când greșești răspunsul (cuvântul corespunzător din grilă, te luminezi, entuziasmezi)

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-densitate logică	-densitate de sugestie	-densitate logică + sugestia (definiția trebuie ca în termeni cât mai puține să spună cât mai mult – densitate logică); să fie cât mai inedită, mai luminoasă, emoționantă (densitate de sugestie)
-sinonimie infinită	-sinonimie absentă	-sinonimie redusă (nici chiar infinită, dar nici absurdă); (nu același cuvânt din grilă poate avea mai multe definiții rebusiste; însă o definiție se exprimă aproape unic, deci sinonimia este aproape absentă)
-anonimie absentă	-anonimie infinită	-anonimie mare (nici absentă dar nici infinit) (în cazul def. semnificația depinde de autor: chiar dacă cititorul înțelege altceva va inter-veni partea rațională, cuvântul să se potri-vească în grilă la locul cuvenit, chiar definițiile literale, în careuri nu mai au o anonimie infinită pentru că aici intervine și partea rațională:

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-artificial	-natural	găsirea neapărat a unui răspuns; în cazul care-urilor tematice definiții directe, anonimia este aproape absentă). -natural și artificial (în general definițiile au caracter natural; dar definițiile bazate pe jocuri de litere (ex. definiția "Începe noaptea" are răspunsul "NO" au un caracter artificial).
-general	-singular	-singular și general (doar definițiile bazate pe jocul de litere pot avea un caracter general).
-traductibil	-netraductibil	-traductibil (în sensul că definiția are o semnificație logică).
-prezența problemelor de stil	-absența problemelor de stil	-absența problemelor de stil (aceeași definiție nu poate fi spusă fără a-i schimba nuanța – pe când un cuvânt din grilă poate fi definit în mai multe feluri).

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-finitate în spațiu, constantă în timp	-variabilitate în spațiu și timp	-variabilitatea în spațiu și în timp, variabilitate mai mică decât cea de la limbajul poetic.
-numărabil	-nenumărabil	-nenumărabil
-transparent	-opac	-semiopac (sau semitransparent la început def. pare opacă, până se găsește răspunsul).
-tranzitiv	-reflexiv	-reflexiv (fac excepție din nou definițiile bazate pe jocuri de litere, care au și un caracter tranzitoriu)
-independența de expresie	-dependența de expresie	-dependența de expresie.
-independență de structura muzicală	-dependență de structură muzicală	-dependență de structură muzicală.
-paradigmatic	-sintagmatic	-sintagmatic

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-concordanță între distanța paradigmatică și sintagmatică	-neconcordanță între dinstanța paradigmatică și sintagmatică	-distanța paradigmatică și sintagmatică (sunt împerecheri de cuvinte diferite, jocuri de cuvinte, procedee folosite ca în poezie)
-contexte scurte	-contexte lungi	-contexte scurte (1) (aici se apropie de limbajul științific, pentru că se are în vedere proverbul: "Non multa sed multum"; din investigațiile statistice anterioare a rezultat că lungimea medie a unei definiții rebusiste (spirituale) este 4,192 cuvinte: definițiile cu jocurile de litere au de obicei foarte puține cuvinte.

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-dependență contextuală	-tinde spre independență pendență de expresie	-independență contextuală (în cazul careurilor tematice ce este și o mică dependență; de asemenea, există și cazuri mai rare când o definiție depinde de cea anterioară (definițiile cu jocuri de litere sau cuvinte – de obicei)).
-logic	-alogic	-logic
-denotație	-anotație	-conotație (dacă o definiție ar da sensul direct al unui cuvânt am avea definiții directe (ca la dicționar) și atunci și-ar pierde total "surpriza". , "spiritualitatea", "ingeniozitatea", "spontaneitatea" la careurile tematice definițiile cu caracter denotativ.

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-rutină	-creație	-creație și... experiență (că să nu zicem rutină!)
-stereotipii generale	-stereotipii personale	-stereotipii personale (există chiar așa numitele careuri "în manieră personală" – vezi [3]. p.56-58)
-explicabil	-inefabil	-inefabil... care o explică! (definiția luată separat, ne-privită ca o "între-bare" este inefabilă luată împreună cu răspunsul devine explicabilă: în general, definiția prezintă și un grad de ambiguitate (mai multe piste pe care te poate îndruma) – altfel ar fi banală – un grad de nedeterminare: se folosește de multe ori sensul propriu în locul celui figurat sau reciproc definită are însă și o logică a ei, logică ce devine palpabilă odată cu aflarea răspunsului).

LIMBAJUL ȘTIINȚIFIC	LIMBAJUL POETIC	LIMBAJUL REBUSIST
-luciditate	-vraja	-vraja – luciditate (conform celor imediat anterioare) (la început limbajul rebusist, domină pe om, până află "cheia" când omul va ajunge să domine la rândul lui – limbajul poetic
-previzibil	-imprevizibil	-imprevizibil la început, previzibil după dezlegare: (imprevizibil convenit în previzibil)
-explicabil	-inefabil	

## CONSIDERAȚII ASUPRA LIMBAJULUI ȘTIINȚIFIC ȘI "LIMBAJULUI LITERAR"

Cum nimic în natură nu este absolut, evident nu va exista o graniță precisă între limbajul științific și cel "literar" (limbajul folosit în literatură): Deci vor fi zone în care cele două zone se intersectează.

În [1], capitolul "Apariții între limbajul științific și cel poetic", Solomon Marcus prezintă deosebiri între cele două, deosebiri care fac totuși și o apreciere între ele.

În continuare vom glasa puțin pe marginea acestui material, prezentând părți comune ale limbajului științific și cel literar:

- amândouă caută noul, ineditul



- amândouă presupun o creație (rezolvarea unei probleme înseamnă creație: scrierea unei propoziții de asemenea)

- atât literatura cât și știința au o artă de a fi predate, învățate, studiate (metodica predării aritmeticii, a limbii române etc.)

- și în știință există o estetică (de ex. "estetica matematică") și în literatură există o logică (chiar și absurdul lui Eugen Ionescu, miturile lui Mircea Eliade au o logică a lor, aparte: analog putem extinde ideea la dadaismul lui Tristan Tzara are o anumită logică (de construcție; se decupează cuvinte din ziare și se amestecă formând apoi versuri)

- dezvoltarea științei implică dezvoltarea literaturii într-un anumit sens: a apărut astfel, literatura științifico-fantastică în scrierile literare ce folosesc informații obținute de către știință: literatură (contemporană) tratează și probleme din știință (ex. Augustin Buzura a scris romanul "Absenții" descriind viața unui cercetător în medicină: poetul inginer George Stanca introduce termeni tehnici în poeme cu vers din volumul său "Tandrețe maximă" sună așa:  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ !) analog poetul inginer Gabriel Chifu (volumul "O interpretare a purgatoriului") și profesorul de matematică Ovidiu Florentin, autor al volumului chiar intitulat "Formule pentru spirit" – fiecare poem fiind considerat ca "o formulă" de moment (depinzând de timp, loc, spațiu, individ) pentru spirit;

- însăși scrierea unor romane contemporane inspirate din viața muncitorilor, țăranilor necesită o documentare științifică din partea literaților.

Literatură influențează la știință o anumită estetică: există și metafore matematice (vezi [1], [2]) și în general am zice "metafore științifice", nu se știe ce idei descoperirea unor relații în știință Gradul de înțelegere (exegeză) a unei poezii și a unui text literar în general, depinde și de gradul de cultură al fiecăruia de inițierea lui (stadiul în domeniul respectiv), de cunoștințele sale științifice.

- există mulți oameni de știință care pe lângă articolele lor științifice scriu și literatură sau domenii înrudite (ex. cartea de memorii a academicianului (matematician) Octav-Onicescu "Pe drumurile vieții", renumitul medic român Gheorghe Marinescu scrie poeme (folosind cuvinte dacice) sub pseudonimul George Dinizvor, marele Ion Barbu – Dan Barbilian a excelat și-n poezie și în matematică. Marele poet Vasile Voiculescu a fost și un bun medic; iar profesorul de matematică Aurel M. Buricea scrie versuri, analog matematicianul Ovidiu Florentin–Florentin Smarandache scrie poeme și articole de matematică; în literatura străină găsim poetul–matematician Omar Khajyom și Lewis Carroll – Charles L. Dodgson) însă literați care să facă și cercetări în științele fundamentale sau tehnice nu prea există!

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# LA FREQUENCE DES LETTRES (PAR GROUPES EGAUX) DANS LES TEXTES JURIDIQUES ROUMAINS

Analysant le degré de détérioration des touches d'une machine à écrire qui a fonctionné plus de 40 ans au greffe d'un tribunal d'un district roumain (Vilcea), on les a réparties dans les groupes suivants:

- 1) Lettres complètement deteriorées (on ne peut plus rien lire sur la touche).
- 2) Lettres dont on voit un seul point, à peine perceptible.

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- 10) Lettres dont il manque un seul point.
- 11) Lettres qui se voient parfaitement, sans aucun manque.
- 12) Lettres qui, n'étant presque pas utilisées, étaient convertes de poussière.

On a obtenu les résultats suivants:

- |         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| 1) E, A | 7) O, C, U, D, Z,       |
| 2) I    | 8) N                    |
| 3) R    | 9) L                    |
| 4) T    | 10) V, M                |
| 5) S    | 11) F, G, B, H, X, J, K |
| 6) P    | 12) W, Q, Y             |

Cette classification est un peu différente de celle de [1], parce que les lettres A, Ă, Â sont ici cumulées en une seule lettre: A, de même I et Î dans I, S et Ș dans S, T et Ț dans T.

En étudiant l'écart de ces textes (of. [2]), on obtient:

$$\alpha(j) = \frac{1}{23} \sum_{i=1}^{23} |\alpha(A_i)| \approx 2,348,$$

donc l'écart du langage juridique des fréquences courantes de la langue est beaucoup plus grand que celui du langage des mots croisés:  $\alpha(g) \approx 1,391$  et  $\alpha(d_r) \approx 1,185$ .

Les sauts les plus spectaculaires sont réalisés par les lettres  $P, Z$  et  $N$ :

$$\alpha(P) = 6, \alpha(Z) = 7, \alpha(N) = -8.$$

Cet article surprend peut-être par sa banalité. Mais, alors que les autres auteurs ont fait des mois de calculs à l'aide d'ordinateurs, choisissant certains livres et faisant compter les lettres (!) par l'ordinateur, moi j'ai déduit cette fréquence des lettres en quelques minutes (!), par une simple observation.

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# **MATHEMATICAL FANCIES AND PARADOXES**

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## MISCELLANEA

1. Archimedes' "fixed point theorem": "Give me a fixed point in space, and I shall upset the Earth,"

### 2. MATHEMATICAL LINGUISTICS<sup>1</sup>

Poem by Ovidiu Florentin<sup>2</sup>

#### Definition

A word's sequence converges if it is found in a neighborhood of our heart. .

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The hermetic verses are linear equations.

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#### Theorem

For any X there is no y such that Y knows everything which X knows. And the reciprocal.

The proof is very intricate and long, and we will present it. We leave it to the readers to solve it!

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Smarandache's law: Give me a point in space and I shall write the proposition behind it.

#### Final Motto

- -O, MATHEMATICS, YOU, EXPRESSION OF THE ESSENTIAL IN NATURE!

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1 Volume which includes this mathematical poem (pp. 39-41).

2 (Translated from Romanian by the author.) It is the mathematician's literary pseudonym. He wrote many poetical volumes (in Romanian and French), as "Legi de compoziție internă. Poeme cu . . . probleme!" (Laws of internal composition. Poems with . . . problems!), Ed. El Kitab, Fès, Morocco, 1982.

## AMUSING PROBLEMS

1. Calculate the volume of a square.

(Solution:  $\text{Volume} = \text{Area of the Base} \times \text{Height} = \text{Side}^2 \times 0 = 0$ ! We look at the square as an extreme case of parallelepiped with the height null.)

2.  $? \times 7 = 2$ ?

(Solution: Of course  $\frac{2}{7} \times 7 = 2$ !)

3. Ten birds are on a fence. A hunter shoots three of these. How many birds remain?

(Answer: **None**, because the three dead birds fell down from the fence and the other seven flew away!)

4. Ten birds are in a meadow. A hunter shoots three of these. How many birds remain?

(Answer: three birds, the dead birds, because the others flew away!)

5. Ten birds are in a cage. A hunter shoots three of these. How many birds remain?

(Answer: **ten birds**, dead and living, because none can get out!)

6. Ten birds are in the sky. A hunter shoots three of these. How many birds remain?

(Answer: **seven birds**, at last, those who are still flying and those that fell down!)

7. Prove that the equation  $X = X + 2$  has two distinct solutions.

(Answer:  $X = \pm\infty$ !)

8. (Solving Fermat's last theorem:) Prove that for any non-null integer  $n$ , the equation  $X^n + Y^n = Z^n$ ,  $XYZ \neq 0$ , has at least one integer solution!

(Answer: (a)  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $X_k = Y_k = Z_k = 2^k$ ,  $K = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  All  $X_k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $K \geq 1$ .  $L = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} X_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . But  $L = \infty \in \mathbb{N}$ , that is the integer infinite, and  $\infty^n + \infty^n = \infty^n$ ! If  $n$  is even, the equation has eight distinct integer solutions:  $X = Y = Z = \pm \infty$ ! Similarly we take the negative integer infinite:  $-\infty \in \mathbb{Z}$  --] (b)  $n \leq -1$ . Clearly there are at least eight distinct integer solutions:  $X = Y = Z = \pm \infty$ !)

## OU SE TROUVE LA FAUTE? (EQUATIONS DIOPHANTIENNES)

Enoncé:

(1) Résoudre dans  $\mathbb{Z}$  l'équation:  $14x + 26y = -20$ .

"Résolution": La solution générale entière est:

$$\begin{cases} x = -26k + 6 \\ y = 14k - 4 \end{cases} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

(2) Résoudre dans  $\mathbb{Z}$  l'équation:  $15x - 37y + 12z = 0$ .

"Résolution" La solution générale entière est:

$$\begin{cases} x = k + 4 \\ y = 15k \\ z = 45k - 5 \end{cases} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

(3) Résoudre dans  $\mathbb{Z}$  l'équation:  $3x - 6y + 5z - 10w = 0$ .

"Résolution" l'équation s'écrit:

$$3(x - 2y) + 5z - 10w = 0.$$

Puisque  $x, y, z, w$  sont des variables entières, il en résulte que 3 divise  $z$  et que 3 divise  $w$ . C'est-à-dire:

$$z = 3t_1 (t_1 \in \mathbb{Z}) \text{ et } w = 3t_2 (t_2 \in \mathbb{Z})$$

Donc:  $3(x - 2y) + 3(5t_1 - 10t_2) = 0$  ou  $x - 2y + 5t_1 - 10t_2 = 0$ .



$$\text{Alors: } \begin{cases} x = 2k_1 + 5k_2 - 10k_3 \\ y = k_1 \\ z = 3k_2 \\ w = 3k_3 \end{cases} \quad \text{avec } (k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \text{ constitue}$$

la solution générale entière de l'équation.

Trouver la faute de chaque "résolution"?

### SOLUTIONS.

(1)  $x = -26k + 6$  et  $y = 14k - 4$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). est une solution entière pour l'équation (parce qu'elle la vérifie), mais elle n'est pas la solution générale: puisque  $x=-7$  et  $y=3$  vérifient l'équation, ils en sont une solution entière particulière, mais:

$$\begin{cases} -26k + 6 = -7 \\ 14k - 4 = 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{implique que } k=1/2 \text{ (n'appartient pas à } \mathbb{Z}\text{)}.$$

Donc on ne peut pas obtenir cette solution particulière de la "solution générale" antérieure.

La vraie solution générale est:  $\begin{cases} x = -13k + 6 \\ y = 7k - 4 \end{cases}$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). (of [1])

(2) De même,  $x=5$  et  $y=3$  et  $z=3$  est une solution particulière de l'équation, mais qui ne peut pas se tirer de la

$$\text{"solution générale" puisque: } \begin{cases} k + 4 = 5 \Rightarrow k = -1 \\ 15k = 3 \Rightarrow k = 1/5 \\ 45k - 5 = 3 \Rightarrow k = 8/45 \end{cases},$$

contradictions.

$$\text{La solution générale entière est: } \begin{cases} x = k_1 \\ y = 3k_1 + 12k_2 \\ z = 8k_1 + 37k_2 \end{cases}$$

(avec  $(k_1, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , cf. [1].

(3) L'erreur est que: "3 divise  $(5z-10w)$ " n'implique pas que

"3 divise z et 3 divise w". Si on le croit on perd des solutions, ainsi  $(x,y,z,w) = (-5,0,5,1)$  constitue une solution entière particulière qui ne pas s'obtenir a partir de la "solution" de l'énoncé.

La résolution correcte est:

$3(x - 2y) + 5(z - 2w) = 0$ , c'est-a-dire  $3p_1 + 5p_2 = 0$ , avec  $p_1 = x - 2y$  dans  $\mathbb{Z}$ , et  $p_2 = z - 2w$  dans  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Il en résulte:  $\begin{cases} p_1 = -5k = x - 2y \\ p_2 = 3k = z - 2w \end{cases}$  avec  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

D'où l'on tire la solution générale entière:

$$\begin{cases} x = 2k_1 - 5k_2 \\ y = k_1 \\ z = 3k_2 + 2k_3 \\ w = k_3 \end{cases} \text{ avec } (k_1, k_2, k_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

[1] On peut trouver ces solutions en utilisant:

Florentin SMARANDACHE - "Un algorithme de résolution dans l'ensemble des nombres entiers pour les équations linéaires".

## OU SE TROUVE LA FAUTE SUR LES INTEGRALES ???

Soit la fonction  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , définie par  $f(x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$ .

Calculons la primitive de celle-ci:

(1) Première méthode.

$$\int 2 \sin x \cos x \, dx = 2 \int u \, du = 2 \frac{u^2}{2} = u^2 = \sin^2 x, \quad \text{avec}$$

$$u = \sin x.$$

On a donc  $F_1(x) = \sin^2 x$ .

(2) Deuxième méthode:

$$\int 2 \sin x \cos x \, dx = -2 \int \cos x (-\sin x) \, dx = -2 \int v \, dv = -v^2,$$

donc  $F_2(x) = -\cos^2 x$ .

(3) Troisième méthode:

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2 \sin x \cos x \, dx &= \int \sin 2x \, dx = 1/2 \int (\sin 2x) \, 2 \, dx = \\ &= 1/2 \int \sin t \, dt = -1/2 \cos t \text{ donc } F_3(x) = -1/2 \cos 2x. \end{aligned}$$

On a ainsi obtenu 3 primitives différentes de la même fonction.

Comment est-ce possible?

*Réponse:* Il n'y a aucune faute! On sait qu'une fonction admet une infinité de primitives (si elle en admet une), qui ne diffèrent que par une constante.

Dans notre exemple on a:

$$F_2(x) = F_1(x) - 1 \text{ pour tout réel } x,$$

$$\text{et } F_3(x) = F_1(x) - 1/2 \text{ pour tout réel } x.$$

## OU SE TROUVE LA FAUTE DANS CE RAISONNEMENT PAR RÉCURRENCE ???

A un concours d'entrée en faculté on a posé le problème suivant:

"Trouver les polynômes  $P(x)$  à coefficients réels tels que  $xP(x-1) = (x-3)P(x)$ , pour tout  $x$  réel."

Quelques candidats ont cru pouvoir démontrer par récurrence que les polynômes de l'énoncé sont ceux qui vérifient la propriété suivante:  $P(x) = 0$  pour tout entier naturel.

En effet, disent ils, si on pose  $x = 0$  dans cette relation, il en résulte que  $0 \cdot P(-1) = -3 \cdot P(0)$ , donc  $P(0) = 0$ .

De même, avec  $x = 1$ , on a:

$$1 \cdot P(0) = -2 \cdot P(1), \text{ donc } P(1) = 0, \text{ etc.} \dots$$

On suppose que la propriété est vraie pour  $(n-1)$ , c-à-d que  $P(n-1) = 0$ , et on regarde ce qu'il en est pour  $n$ :

On a:  $n \cdot P(n-1) = (n-3) \cdot P(n)$ , et puisque  $P(n-1) = 0$ , il en résulte que  $P(n) = 0$ .

Où la démonstration pêche-t-elle ???

*Reponse:* Si les candidats avaient essayé le rang  $n = 3$ , ils auraient trouvé:

$3 \cdot P(2) = 0 \cdot P(3)$  donc  $0 = 0 \cdot P(3)$ , ce qui n'entraîne pas que  $P(3)$  est nul: en effet cette égalité est vraie pour tout réel  $P(3)$ .

L'erreur provient donc de ce que l'implication:

" $(n-3) \cdot P(n) = n \cdot P(n-1) = 0 \Rightarrow P(n) = 0$ " n'est pas juste.

On peut trouver facilement que  $P(x) = x(x-1)(x-2)k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$

## UNDE ESTE GREȘALA?

Se consideră funcțiile  $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , definite astfel:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x, & x \leq 3 \\ e^{-x}, & x > 3 \end{cases} \text{ și } g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq 0 \\ -2x+7, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Să se calculeze  $f \circ g$ .

"Soluție." Putem scrie:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x, & x \leq 0 \\ e^x, & 0 < x \leq 3 \\ e^{-x}, & x > 3 \end{cases} \text{ și } g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq 0 \\ -2x+7, & 0 < x \leq 3 \\ -2x+7, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

De unde

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = \begin{cases} e^{x^2}, & x \leq 0 \\ e^{-2x+7}, & 0 < x \leq 3 \\ e^{2x-7}, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

și  $f \circ g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

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Rezolvare corectă:

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = \begin{cases} e^{g(x)}, & \text{dacă } g(x) \leq 3 \\ e^{-g(x)}, & \text{dacă } g(x) > 3 \end{cases}$$

$f \circ g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$$g(x) \leq 3 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 \leq 3 \Rightarrow x \in [-\sqrt{3}, 0] \\ \text{sau} \\ -2x + 7 \leq 3 \Rightarrow x \in [2, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) > 3 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 > 3 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{3}) \\ \text{sau} \\ -2x + 7 > 3 \Rightarrow x \in (0, 2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Deci } (f \circ g)(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x^2}, & x \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{3}) \\ e^{x^2}, & x \in [-\sqrt{3}, 0] \\ e^{2x-7}, & x \in (0, 2) \\ e^{2x-7}, & x \in [2, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

publicată, Gazeta matematică, nr. 7/1981, Anul L XXXVI. pp. 282-283.

## UNDE ESTE GREȘEALA? (sistem de inecuații)

Să se rezolve sistemul de inecuații:

$$\begin{cases} x \geq 0 & (1) \\ y \geq 0 & (2) \\ x - 2y + 3z \geq 0 & (3) \\ -3x - y + 4z \geq 4 & (4) \end{cases}$$

"Soluție". Înmulțim a treia inegalitate cu 3 și o adunăm la a patra. Sensul se păstrează. Rezultă:

$$-7y + 13z \geq 4, \text{ sau } z \geq \frac{1}{13}(7y + 4)$$

Deci  $x \geq 0$  și  $y \geq 0$  (din inecuațiile (1) și (2)) și  $z \geq \frac{1}{13}(7y + 4)$  (\*). Dar  $x = 13 \geq 0$ ,  $y = 0 \geq 0$  și  $z = 2 \geq \frac{4}{13} = \frac{1}{13}(7 \cdot 0 + 4)$  verifică (\*), în schimb nu verifică sistemul de inecuații, deoarece înlocuind în a patra inecuație avem:

$$-3 \cdot 13 - 0 + 4 \cdot 2 \geq 4$$

ceea ce nu este adevărat.

Unde este contradicția?

*Rezolvare.*

Soluția anterioară este incompletă. Nu s-au intersectat toate cele patru inecuații. Dându-i o interpretare geometrică în  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , și scriind inecuațiile ca ecuații, avem de-a face cu patru planuri, fiecare împarte spațiul în semispații. Deci soluția sistemului o vor constitui punctele aflate la intersecția celor patru semiplane, (fiecare inecuație desemnează un semispațiu). Inecuația obținută prin adunarea inecuației a treia cu a patra nu reprezintă altceva decât un alt semispațiu care include soluția sistemului, și nu simplifică sistemul (în sensul că nu putem elimina nici una dintre inecuațiile sistemului).

Astfel  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 3$ ,  $z = 5/13$  verifică (\*) dar nu verifică, de data aceasta, inecuația a treia (deși pe a patra o verifică).

## L'ILLOGIQUE MATHEMATIQUE!

Trouvez une "logique aux énoncés suivants:

(1)  $4-5 \approx 5!$

(2) 8 divisé par deux est égal à zero!

(3) 10 moins 1 égale 0.

(4)  $\int f(x) dx = f(x)!$

(5)  $8+8=8!$

*Solutions:*

Ces fantaisies mathématiques sont des divertissements, des problèmes amusants: elles font abstraction de la logique courante, mais elles ont quand même leur "logique", une logique fantaisiste: ainsi

(1) s'explique si l'on ne considère pas "4-5" comme l'écriture de "4 moins 5" mais comme celle de "de 4 à 5"; d'où une lecture de l'énoncé " $4-5 \approx 5$ ": entre 4 et 5, mais plus près de 5".

(2) 8 peut être divisé par deux . . . de la façon suivante: ..., c'est-à-dire qu'il sera coupé en deux parties égales, qui sont égales à "0" au-dessus et au-dessous de la barre!

(3) "10 moins 1" peut s'entendre comme: les deux caractères typographiques 1,0 moins le 1, ce qui justifie qu'il reste le caractère 0.

(4) Le signe sera considéré comme la fonction inverse de l'intégrale.

(5) L'opération " $\infty + \infty = \infty$ " est vraie: on va l'écrire

verticalement:  $\infty$   
 $+$   
 $\infty$   
 $=$   
 $\infty$

ce qui, transposé horizontalement (par une rotation mecanique des signes graphiques) donnera bien l'énoncé: "8+8=8".

## OPTICAL ILLUSION (Mathematical Psychology)

What digit is it, 8 or 3?

[Answer: Both of them!]

1. EPMEK =Reverse of Kempe.

2. DEDE/KIND = DedeKind's cut.

3. 
 B  
 R  
 O  
 C  
 A  
 R  
 D
  = Angle of Brocard.

4. BRIANCHON = Point of Brianchon



5.  $\begin{vmatrix} \text{SYL} \\ \text{VES} \\ \text{TER} \end{vmatrix}$

= Determinant of Sylvester.

6. E A O T E E  
r t s h n s

= Sieve of Eratosthenes.

7. A  
R C  
T S  
D E S

= Foliate curve of Descartes.

8.  $\begin{pmatrix} \text{MRX} \\ \text{RAI} \\ \text{XIT} \end{pmatrix}$

= Symmetrical matrix.

9.  $\overline{\text{SHEFFER}}$

= Bar of Sheffer.

10.  $\square \square \square \square$

= Method of the littlest squares.

11.  $\begin{pmatrix} \text{J10000} \\ \text{OØ1000} \\ \text{OØR100} \\ \text{OØØD10} \\ \text{OØØØA1} \\ \text{OØØØØN} \end{pmatrix}$

= Matrix of Jordan.

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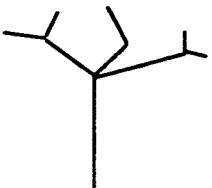
= Inverse function.


13. SERUGIF = Inverse figures.

14. 
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & R & V & R & V \\ & M & K & M & K \\ & A & O & A & O \end{array}$$
 = Markov Chains.

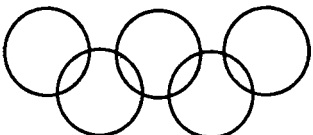
15. 
$$\frac{\text{USA}}{\text{WEST EUROPE}}$$
 = Harmonious report.

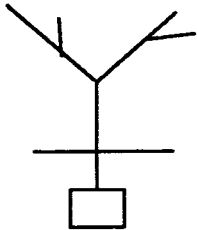
16. 
$$\frac{\text{USA}}{\text{USSR}}$$
 = Anharmonious report.

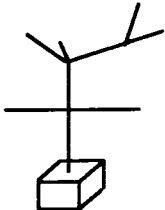
17.  = Tree.

18.  = Convergent filter.

19. 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ P & & S \\ O & & U \\ L & & I \\ & O & N \end{array}$$
 = Circle of Apolonius.

20.  = Fascicle of circles.

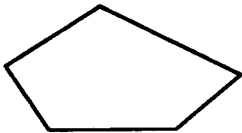
21.  = Square root.

22.  = Cubic root.

23.  $X^{\infty} + Y^{\infty} = Z^{\infty}$  = Fermat's last theorem!

24. I-W-A-S-A-W-A = Iwasawa's decomposition

25.  $\begin{matrix} R & E \\ O & M \end{matrix}$  = Latin square!

26.  = The pentagon!

27.  $\emptyset$  = Reductio ad absurdum.

28. O = Ring.

29. F                      N  
      U                      O  
      N                      I  
      C T

= Convex function.

30. P      N      S  
      I      T  
      O

= Noncollinear points.

31.      G  
      R      P  
      O U

= Group of rotations.

32. ELEMENTS

= Nondisjoint elements.

33.      M  
      X      A  
      I      T  
      R

= Circulant matrix.

34.                      O L  
      P  
      N  
                          O G

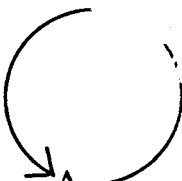
I  
 = 7-gon.

35. SPA  
      CE

= Compact space.

36. A  
      L  
      G  
      E  
      B  
      R  
      A

= Higher algebra.

37.  = Vicious circle.

38. A  
R  
I  
T  
H  
M  
E  
T  
I  
C  
= The higher arithmetic.

39.  = Square angle.

40. SYMBOL OF (LEOPOLD)  
KRONECKER = L.K.

41. KOLMOGOROV'S SPACE = USSR.

42. LANGUAGE OF CHOMSKY = American.

43. GRAMMAR OF KLEENE = English.

44. CATASTROPHIC POINT = Atom bomb.

45. MACHINE OF TURING	= Motor car.
46. NUMBER OF GOLD	= 79 (chemically).
47. FLY OF LA HIRE	= Insect.
48. MOMENT OF INERTIA	= Apathy.
49. AXIOM OF SEPARATION	= Divorce.
50. CLOSED SET	= Prisoners.
51. RUSSIAN MULTIPLICATION	= Conquest.
52. SLIPS OF MÖBIUS	= Bathing trunks.
53. SINGULAR CARDINAL	= Mazarin (1602-1661, France).
54. CLAN OF LEBESGUE	= His family.
55. SPHERE OF RIEMANN	= Head.
56. MATHEMATICAL HOPE	= Fields prize.
57. CRITICAL WAY	= Slope.
58. BOTTLE OF KLEIN	= Beer bottle.
59. CONSTANT OF EULER	= Mathematics.
60. CONTRACTANT FUNCTION	= Frost.
61. BILINEAR COMBINATION	= Concubinage.

62. HARDY SPACE	= England.
63. INTRODUCTION TO ALGEBRA!	= AL.
64. INTRODUCTORY ECONOMETRICS	= ECO.
65. BOREL BODY	= Corpse.
66. CHOICE FUNCTION	= Marriage.
67. GEOMETRICAL PLACES	= ATHENA, ERLANGEN etc.

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## LOGICA MATEMATICĂ

Câte propoziții sunt adevărate și care anume dintre următoarele;

1. Există o propoziție falsă printre cele  $n$  propoziții.
2. Există două propoziții false printre cele  $n$  propoziții.

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... Există  $i$  propoziții false printre cele  $n$  propoziții.

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 $n$ . Există  $n$  propoziții false printre cele  $n$  propoziții.

(O generalizare a unei probleme propuse de prof. FRANCICO BELLOT, revista NUMEROS, nr. 9/1984, p. 69, Insulele Canare, Spania)

Comentarii

Notăm cu  $P_i$  propoziția  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Dacă  $n$  este par atunci

propozițiile  $1, 2, \dots, (n/2)$  sunt adevărate iar celelalte false. (Se începe raționamentul de la sfârșit;  $P_n$  nu poate să fie adevărată, deci  $P_1$  este adevărată; apoi  $P_{n-1}$  nu poate fi adevărată, deci  $P_2$  este adevărată, etc.

**Remarcă.** Dacă  $n$  este impar se obține un **paradox**, deoarece urmând aceeași metodă de rezolvare găsim  $P_n$  falsă, implică  $P_1$  adevărată;  $P_{n-1}$  falsă implică  $P_2$  adevărată, ...  $P_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  falsă implică  $P_{n+1-\frac{n+1}{2}}$  adevărată, adică  $P_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  falsă implică  $P_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  adevărată, absurd.

Dacă  $n=1$ , se obține o variantă a Paradoxului mincinosului ("Eu mint" este adevărat sau fals?)

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1. Există o propoziție falsă în acest dreptunghi.  
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Care este desigur un paradox.

## PARADOXE DES AXES RADICALES

Propriété: Les axes radicaux de  $n$  cercles d'un même plan, pris deux à deux, dont les centres ne sont pas alignés, sont concourants.

"Demonstration" par recurrence sur  $n \geq 3$ .

Pour le cas  $n = 3$  on sait que 3 axes radicaux sont concourants en un point qui s'appelle le centre radical. On suppose la propriété vraie pour les valeurs inférieures ou égales à un certain  $n$ .

Aux  $n$  cercles on ajoute le  $(n+1)$  è cercle.

On a (1): les axes radicaux dès  $n$  premiers cercles sont concourante en  $M$ .



Prenons 4 cercles quelconques, parmi lesquels figure le  $(n+1)$  è.

Ceux-ci ont les axes radicaux concourants, conformément à l'hypothèse de récurrence, et au point M (puisque le 3 premiers cercles, qui font partie des  $n$  cercles de l'hypothèse de récurrence, ont leurs axes radicaux concourant en M).

Donc les axes radicaux des  $(n+1)$  cercles sont concourants, ce qui montre que la propriété est vraie pour tout  $n \geq 3$  de  $\mathbb{N}$ .

ET POURTANT, on peut contraindre le.

Contre-exemple suivant:

On considère le parallélogramme ABCD qui n'a aucun angle droit.

Puis on construit 4 cercles de centres respectifs A, B, C et D, et de même rayon. Alors les axes radicaux des cercles e (A) et e (B), respectivement e (C) et e (D), sont deux droites, médiatrices respectivement des segments AB et CD.

Comme (AB) et (CD) sont parallèles, et que le parallélogramme n'a aucun angle droit, il en résulte que les deux axes radicaux sont parallèles ... c'est-à-dire qu'ils ne se coupent jamais.

Expliquer cette (apparente!) contradiction avec la propriété antérieure?

Réponse: La "propriété" est vraie seulement pour  $n=3$ . Or dans la démonstration proposée on utilise la prémisse (fausse) selon laquelle pour  $m+4$  la propriété serait vraie. Pour achever la preuve par récurrence il faudrait pouvoir montrer que  $P(3) \Rightarrow P(4)$ , ce qui n'est pas possible puisque  $P(3)$  est vraie mais que le contre-exemple prouve que  $P(4)$  est fausse.

## SMARANDACHE CLASS OF PARADOXES

Let A be an attribute and non-A its negation.

P1. ALL IS "A," THE "NON-A" TOO.

Examples:

$E_{11}$ : All is possible, the impossible too.

$E_{12}$ : All is present, the absentee too.

$E_{13}$ : All is finite, the infinite too.

P2. ALL IS "NON-A," THE "A" TOO.

Examples:

$E_{21}$ : All is impossible, the possible too.

$E_{22}$ : All is absent, the present too.

$E_{23}$ : All is infinite, the finite too.

P3. NOTHING IS "A" NOT EVEN THE "A."

Examples

$E_{31}$ : Nothing is perfect, not even the perfect.

$E_{32}$ : Nothing is absolute, not even the absolute,

$E_{33}$ : Nothing is finite, not even the finite.

Remark:  $P1 \Leftrightarrow P2 \Leftrightarrow P3$ .

More Generally: ALL (verb) "A." the "NON-A" too.

Of course, from these there are unsuccessful paradoxes, but the proposed method obtains beautiful ones.

Look at a pun, which reminds you of Einstein:

All is relative, the (theory of) relativity too! So:

The shortest way between two points is the meandering way!

The unexplainable is, however, explained by this word: "unexplainable!"

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